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that forced sex without a condom is rape and that prostitute women are entitled to the

same protection of law as any

reflect the seriousness of the crime considering the num-

The judge said he was imposing a relatively lenient sentence because the offences

were at least six years old and there was no evidence that

Shaw was a danger to any

His counsel, Nadine Rad-ford QC, told the court his

wife had discovered his activ-

ities and now always accompanied him on his travels.

concerned that this man is not considered a danger to the

public only because he is ac-

companied by a woman who is acting as his gatekeeper."

took time off work to travel to Sheffield and Nottingham to

find prostitutes. His wife and

teenage daughter knew nothing about his exploits.

A 23-year-old victim said

she begged Shaw to use a con-dom but he told her to "shut up." Afterwards he gave her £100, five times her usual

charge. Prostitutes commonly re-

fuse sex unless a customer wears a condom, but few rape cases involving prostitutes

reach the courts. Tradition-

Two prostitutes last year

ecution for rape in England, after the police refused to act.

The defendant was convicted and sentenced to 14 years in

Judge Anthony Balston.

who presided over that case at Maidstone crown court,

said that prostitutes were per

ticularly vulnerable to rape and needed more protection than other women. He said he

had no doubt the defendant had thought he was safe be-

cause the women would

The ruling was welcomed that juries might be reluctant to accept that a woman who sells sex can withdraw her

against Rape, said: "It is good cause the women would that the jury acknowledged unable to go to the police.

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The court heard that Shaw

Ms Maguire said: "

"But the sentence doesn't

other woman.

ber of offences."

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How the police want to help the mentally ill

Rape ruling

sets legal

MAN who refused to

use condoms was

jailed for four years for raping five prosti-

tutes yesterday, in what is be-

lieved to be the first case of its

A jury accepted that the prostitutes withdrew their

consent to sex with the mar-

ried businessman when he in sisted on having unprotected

intercourse. Grenville Shaw, aged 48, of

Skegness, Lincolnshire, who

runs a painting and decorating firm, was told by Mr Jus-

tice Latham at Nottingham

crown court "That is as much rape as if you had sex-

ual intercourse with any

other girl or woman without their consent."

Shaw denied raping the

prostitutes, whom he picked up in red light districts be-

The prostitutes had refused

sex without a condom be-

cause they feared contracting

Anne Rafferty QC, chair-man of the Criminal Bar

Association, said: "I am not

in the least surprised that the issue has now crystallised as

to whether, if a man refuse

to wear a condom, that consti-

tutes lack of consent. I'm only

surprised it's taken this

chairwoman of Rights of Women, said: "We have to

congratulate the jury on hav-ing reached the right conclu-

"We applaud the judge's

comments that women work-

ing as prostitutes have the

same rights under law as any

other women and they don't

lose those rights because they sell sex. Selling sex to some

men doesn't mean their bodies are available to all

men on any terms they

Claire Glasman, of Women

tween 1984 and 1990

precedent

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# Secret note exposes safety fear

# **Budget cuts hit** privatised industry

Patrick Wintour, Chief

AFETY in the privatised industries — including railrays, electricity. coal and nuclear power — is being endangered by cuts in the Health and Safety Commission's budget, according to a confidential letter written by the commission's chairman.

The letter, prepared for despatch to the Environment Secretary, John Gummer, and passed to the Guardian; warns that unless recent spending cuts are reversed. the commission "will con-clude that we cannot meet all ments that Government, Parliament and the courts are resources now available.

The Health and Safety Executive, the HSC's executive arm, will simply be unable to cope if its budget is not in-creased, Mr Davies tells Mr

The Health and Safety Com-mission and the HSE are responsible for overseeing safety across British industry, both by investigating large-scale accidents, such as the recent freight crash near Stafford. making snap inspections in factories, and sending policy suggestions to government.

Some of its most high-profile work covers North Sea oil drilling, rail safety and the nuclear industry, as well as

The trade unions have been pressing for years for an increase in the number of on-



staff cuis have been allowing employers to cut safety cor-In the letter's most damage ing passage. Mr Davies spells out the need for extra resources to handle additional demands. "We are also anxious to respond effectively to the Government's require ment that we should protect and maintain safety standards, especially in the newly privatised and liberalised in-dustries. Health and safety in the railway and gas indus-tries in particular (though not exclusively) are high on the agenda of public concern." Extra funds are specifically

needed "to maintain effective regulatory regimes for the newly privatised industries of rail and coal, where there is, as you know, considerable pressure from Parliament

out, has been driven down from 4,200 in late 1993 to around 3,900 now, with a fur-ther planned cut to less than 3,400 by the turn of the cen-

tury.

The letter says that even if the request for extra funds, amounting to more than £20 million, is granted, a reduction in the number of inspectors would still be necess: The leak is especially em-barrassing for the Government since John Major yes-terday reassured the Commons that privatisation of the nuclear industry would

not affect safety standards. The five-page letter, pre-pared at a special meeting of the commission on March 13 and due to be despatched this month, also warns that the HSE's programme to encourage investment in health and safety in small business will be undermined by cuts in the commission's budget.
Mr Davies also points

of the commission's bid to boost £150 million-plus budget, that it needs more "staff-intensive responsibil-ities for regulating chemical and other major hazard plants" — new duties placed on the HSE by the European

Ian McCartney, the shadow employment spokesman, to whom the letter was orginally passed, said yesterday: "This letter reveals a crisis at the heart of the UK's safety watchdog, which has conse-quences for every workplace in the country. It shows public conern about safety standards in British industry, including the big privatised industries, the soon-to-be-privatised industries, and in small businesses, is fully jus-

"The Government has pushed morale in the commis-sion to rock bottom."

## 'His advisers are telling him to do things which are political suicide. I hope he does resign.

We might get someone sensible'

- Patrick Minford Treasury 'wise man'



# Clarke told to go

Michael White Political Editor

HE Chancellor, Ken-neth Clarke, was yes-terday urged to resign his stewardship of the economy by one of his own Treasury advisers, the unreconstructed monetarist. Professor Patrick Minford. Prof Minford, one of the Treasury's seven "wise persons" who offer the Chan- the Birmingham Post. In it a mac cellor independent — and he likened the Chancellor to wrote.

often conflicting - economic advice, has long since written off the elec-tion, blaming the ebullient Mr Clarke for excessive caution on everything from tax cuts to public borrow-

ing and interest rates. But the outspoken That-cherite economist of Liverpool University had not

'some sort of undertaker. His advisers are telling him to do things which are politi-cal suicide. I hope he does resign. We might get some one sensible in his place." Mr Clarke, currently on a trade mission to South Af rica, is the object of a whis pering campaign on the Tory right wing. It suggests he will resign from the Cabinet if, as expected, it en-dorses a referendum on the prospective European

single currency. Few of Mr Clarke's political allies believe it for a moment. They endorse what John Major's team publicly proclaims: that voters will realise how well the economy has been

Labour last night seized on Prof Minford's remarks. The shadow chief secre-tary, Andrew Smith, said: "It is quite extraordinary, probably unprecedented, for an adviser in his position to call for a politician as senior as Kenneth Clarke to resign."
One Tory MP called Prof
Minford "a nutter".

Prof Minford is used to uch abuse. "One the political plank before warns and one warns, and yesterday's interview with one is dismissed as a fool or the Birmingham Post. In it a madman," he recently one is dismissed as a fool or

# Winnie's defence fails as row over cash looms

able," the judge said.

David Beresford on the bitter his wife had suffered "gross persecution" and "brutal treatment" at the hands of the police under apartheid. But

INNIE Mandela's de-fence against the div-orce action brought by her president husband col-lapsed dramatically yesterday after she sacked her legal counsel in mid-session and ponement to hire another.
Nelson Mandela's lawyers immediately protested that the move was "the oldest trick in the book" to stall the proceedings. Judge Frikkie Eloff rejected her request and

told her she could either give evidence herself or call witnesses. When she did neither, he granted Mr Mandela a divorce after 38 years of marriage.
The ruling came after two

days of evidence that in-cluded charges that Mrs Man-dela had committed adultery. Mr Mandela, aged 77, had claimed the marriage had irretrievably broken down.

he told the court: "There were many women in this country "The position appears to be clear that on the evidence, that was not challenged, the suffered far more" citing as an example Alberplaintiff is entitled to a divtina Sisulu, the wife of his former deputy, Walter Sisulu. Mrs Mandela's defence colorce. His claim is unanswer-

Seemingly close to tears, Mrs Mandela left the Johanlapsed abruptly in the early afternoon when Judge Eloff nesburg supreme court imme-diately after the ruling, withrefused an application for a postponement to allow prepaout looking up.

The South African president sat slumped in his chair and looked depressed as the decree was granted. But ear-lier be had threatened to dis-close more serious "dirty linen" if her lawyers pursu gue the need for tribal mediathe contention that the apartheid regime's security police

lapse of the relationship. The financial settlement will be dealt with in a further hearing today. Mrs Mandela is claiming half of her husriage was irretrievable.

band's estate.

rations for the appearances of witnesses, including Paul Brasmus, a former security police officer, and Chief Kai-ser Matanzima. Mr Erasmus would testify to police dirty tricks and the chief would ar-

tion to save the marriage. The judge said their testi-mony could have no relevance to the central issues of whether Mrs Mandela had committed adultery — a charge the defence had not challenged — and whether the breakdown of the mar-

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says Will Hutton

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## Sketch

# Ancient custom of verbal runs

barrassing flow. Mr Major replied that the DoT had now and the roads would be built. This reduced Mr Cummings to silence, but much too late.

In the time it had taken to sk the question, the depart-

ment could have held an in-

quiry, got planning permission, built the roads, and strewn them with the usual

McDonald's boxes and Tango

Home Secretary, but then the minister in charge of water privatisation, had predicted

that water privatisation would not be a political issue,

nobody would think about it at all, it would be delivering

the goods, so now what with 800 million gallons of water

leaking away, who could we blame for the lack of the feel-

good factor at least as far as this public utility went? One wished someone might

solve Mr Burden's problem by

devising a simple, easy-to-wear padded garment which could be stuffed in his mouth. The Speaker had had

enough. "Questions are get-ting much too long!" she shouted. But nothing would

stop them. The Tories sent Sidney Chapman (Chipping Barnett) into battle. His topic

was electricity privatisation. Like all the great bores he prefaced his "question" with a few philosophical reflections,

in this case about the dangers of having your electricity cut, then moved on to general remarks concerning compara-tive policies in this regard.

cleared his throat, and, after talking for several geological periods, finished with a set of statistics which turned out to

As it happens, I got an in-sight into the Government's

unpopularity at Twickenham last weekend.

When the PA announced

proudly that a new rugby mu-seum had been opened that morning by "the Rt. Hon. Vir-ginia Bottomley," a low but powerful booing swept around

the stadium. Twickenham! That shrine

to the middle-classes at play! Barbours, silver hip flasks,

Rovers! If they are booing ministers, all must be lost.

be meaningless.

water privatisation. At length. Back in 1989, he said, Michael Howard, now the



Simon Hoggart

T seems only a year ago that we were celebrating National Continence Day, yet here it is again. Like so many ancient British traditions, this one means less than

Back in 1994, it was a whole seven days, National Conti-nence Week, and the nation celebrated in style, with bal-loon races, mass pelvic floor lifting and a grand conference on Women and Continence. No doubt Sir Cliff Richard was involved in some way. ("Leave this house, Heathcliff,

I suppose people are too busy rushing about nowadays to remember these old customs. This hasn't stopped the Department of Health from holding their Continence Carer of the Year awards. (Who would think of applying? Are there nominees. like the Oscars? "...and now, the bed-

pan, please!")
MPs could have used some Prime Minister's Questions yesterday. They were all suf-fering the verbal equivalent, logorrhoea. Mr John Cum-mings (Lab, Easington) started by asking Mr Major when he would visit

Easington. The Prime Minister had no plans to do so. "Wha' a pi'y." mused Mr Cummings in a near impenetrable Geordie accent. "yi'll nivver knoah what yir missin"."

Then he got going. Why had the Department of Transport rejected submissions for the construction of access roads to two enterprise zones in his : constituency, even though these had been designated by the Department of Trade? Wasn't this ridiculous, and didn't it show one department

On and on he droned. Tories eered. Mr Major smiled nervously, but nothing would stop the interminable and em-

# Water curbs in hot weather will be inevitable, says government report

Wales are not sufficient to satisfy lemand, and restrictions will have to be imposed over large areas whenever the weather gets warm and dry. Department of Environment research has shown. Mr Richard Burden (Lab. Northfield) took up the topic of

It will be impossible to build enough reservoirs or to trap enough rain by other methods to satisfy peak sum-mer demand from households or demands from farmers for extra irrigation, even without the effects of global warming. The extra burdens of climate change will make the situa-

Paul Herrington, of the University of Leicester, who carried out the research said: "It is clear that there is not going to be enough water to go round. The Government will have to have a series of strategies in place so that water companies can restrict de-mand. It seems that the expenditure that would be required on new reservoirs to allow people water on de-mand is just not available, even if it were possible to achieve a building pro-gramme on such a vast

scale."
Mr Herrington, one of the two assessors at the independent commission of inquiry into the water supply in York-shire, was commissioned to look at supply requirements up to 2021, both with and without the effects of climate

age increase in water demand is only slightly increased because of climate change, Mr Herrington says it masks the caused by heatwaves like the one in the summer of 1995 which caused the Yorkshire

The report says that without climate change, average daily consumption throughout the year will rise from 8,628 million litres a day (MI/ d) to 9,933 MI/d by 2021, an increase of 15 per cent. With climate change it is expected to go up to 10,161 MI/d. an 18



Water collection at Halifax last summer after a pump failure . . . could such a scene become more widespread?

age daily demand is alread/ 10,699 million litres. By 2021 this is expected to be 13,509 MI/d, a 26 per cent increase, and with climate change it is expected to rise to 14,429 MI/d or 35 per cent extra.

One of the Department of Environment's predictions for climate change is that er cent increase.

Britain can expect longer pe use four times as much water people who habitually water During hot weather, aver- riods of drought and more hot taking showers in 2021 than their lawns during dry

each day would soon exhaust supplies.
The two big growth areas

for water use are irrigation and domestic consumption. weather people wash more, and people are expected to use four times as much water taking showers. Weather.

The biggest single increase in home use is watering the lawn. During May to August people who habitually.

spells, so the estimated extra | they do now. This is partly 35 per cent of water required | because of the widespread fitting of power showers, which are becoming popular and use wash their cars more in hot

Spray irrigation for crops is expected to double over the

same period from the present 333 million litres a day to 717 MI/d by 2021. In the country's from 267 MI/d to 596 MI/d.

weather are expected to do so | water companies and the twice every nine days, rather | National Rivers Authority were refusing new abstrac tion licences to farmers be-cause public water supplies could not cope. Restrictions including metering, hose pipe bans, and in extreme cas water rationing, may have to

## Review

# The elusive art of Media payments almost derailed of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted because Mrs Leach had told an "undoubted lie" in court about the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the Wests in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted because Mrs Leach had told an "undoubted lie" in court about the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted because Mrs Leach had told an "undoubted lie" in court about the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the West in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the West in the disastiant of the chief prosecution witnesses, who had been sexually assaulted by the west in the chief prosecution witnesses and the chief prosec self-deprecation

John Fordham

**Woody Allen** 

Royal Festival Hall

N A former incarnation as a New Yorker columnist, Woody Allen once wrote an indispensable guide to some of the lesser-known ballets. One such, entitled simply Dimitri, began thus: "... the ballet opens at a carnival. There are refreshments and rides. Many people in gaily coloured cos-tumes dance and laugh, to the accompaniment of flutes and woodwinds, while the trombones play in a minor key to suggest that soon the refreshments will run out and everybody will be dead."

In an even lesser-known incarnation as a self-confessed amateur clarinettist, Woody Allen played the last gig of a month-long European tour with his New Orleans Jazz Band at the Royal Festival Hall last night. The refresh ments did not run out and everybody, as far as could be judged, survived. But any long-time Allen fans hoping for the same illuminating dialectics of aspiration and pragmatism that informed most of his best work on pap and on film, might have felt Allen behaving creatively on the-nose. The show was a straightforward, fast-moving, unsurprising, enthusiastic retreading of early jazz classics that have been taken out for affectionate spins by revivalist bands for 60 years or so.

Although Woody Allen conceded to the obligations of his stature as far as announcing the band and the rough parameters of the repertoire, he

carefully drew no more atten-tion to himself. That baffled much of the crowd, which tit-tered at his simple announcements as if they were gags. But Allen was serious. He may not be the world's greatest clarinet player, and the Royal Festival Hall (and other grand European venues this decent, unambitious ensemble has been trumpeted into) may be an overblown space for the Monday night band at New York's Michael's Pub, where Allen has unwound his fraught musculature for years

– but he cares. The repertoire was of the kind you might run into on a Sunday lunchtime in an English pub, but at times the affectionate collectivity of the idiom lifted the music to a kind of eager, communicative grace that transcended preoc-cupation with the famously evasive figure in the check shirt and beige cords. Allen's clarinet sound rarely exhibits the liquid, sensuous qualities of the long-departed heroes of the instrument, but occasionally embraces a mixture of heart-on-sleeve romanticism and bluesiness that rises

above the general hum. The rest of the band efficiently keep the serpentine dy-namics of the New Orleans style in motion, particularly the trombonist, Dan Barrett, the trumpeter, Simon Wettenhall, and the banjoist and mu-sical director, Eddy Davis. But jazz is music of ambiguity, wit, risk and surprise. Woody Allen, who understands such muances as well as anybody, perhaps does not understand the mechanics of this elusive art quite well enough.

This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

# Rosemary West appeal rejected '£3.6bn bonanza'

All-party talks on guns policy to start in wake of massacre

700-year-old cathedral for dered 16 children a week ago, friends, Melissa Currie and Charlotte Dunn. dered 16 children a week ago, was cremated yesterday at an unnamed location "well away

from Dunblane"

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

OSEMARY West is likely to spend the rest of her life behind bars after losing her appeal against conviction yesterday.
It has also emerged that legislation regulating the payment of witnesses by the media could be introduced after a prosecution harrister admitted yesterday that one such payment nearly "de-railed" the case.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, sit-ting with Mr Justice Mitchell and Mr Justice Newman, took barely 15 minutes to deliberate before announcing that West's application for leave to appeal had been refused. She was convicted last November at Winchester crown court of the use of "similar fact" evil-

Michael White and Erland Clouston

JOHN MAJOR yesterday endorsed Labour calls for urgent all-party consultation

on reform of Britain's gun laws in the wake of the Dun-

blane massacre as the Home Office signalled a sweeping internal review intended to influence the Cullen inquiry

into the tragedy.
In Dunblane a further six

funerals of the victims of last

week's shootings were held yesterday. With most shops shut and flags at half mast a

the murder of 10 young women and girls, including her daughter and step-daughter. Reasons for the judgment will be given within a few days probably at the beginning of next week.

After the decision, Leo Goatley. West's solicitor, said his client, who is in Durham jail and did not attend the two-day hearing, was a realist and would not be surprised by the decision. "It was a long shot." Mr Goatley said. "She said to me

before the appeal. They're hardly likely to hand the key over, are they?' "No further legal action would be taken unless new evidence came to

Charlotte Dunn. Charlotte had moved to the

area six months ago from the West Midlands. Separate cere-monies followed for Megan

Turner and Hannah Scott. Earlier, motorists left their

cars and stood at attention as the cortege of David Kerr left

the Church of the Holy Fam-

ily for Dunblane cemetery. There was also a service for

Sophie North, the only child

of Stirling University profes-sor Mike North, whose wife

died of cancer two years ago. Police said last night that

shut and flags at half mast a Police said last night that guns in his inquiry, which double service was held in the Thomas Hamilton, who murcould report by May.

the trial judge's directions had made it impossible for West to have had a fair trial. Her husband, Fred, could have carried out the murders

alone, he suggested.

But Brian Leveson QC, for the Crown, said: "It's our submission that Mrs West was tried fair and square. The evidence called by the Crown was properly laid before the jury. The summing up [by the trial judge, Mr Justice Manteli] was meticulous in its at-tention to detail." The jury fully understood the arguments, he added.

Mr Leveson said that some of the media coverage was regrettable and had been

In Whitehall, ministers,

mindful of the folly of the Dangerous Dogs Act, are de-

termined not to be stampeded

into "knee jerk" responses to the killings. But they are also keen to capitalise on the polit-ical consensus and back

bench pressure to tighten regulation.

firmed yesterday that the Scottish judge Lord Cullen will address the issue of hand-

The prime minister con-

plaint could be made about reporting during the trial."

But he told the court: "The question of payment by the media is presently the subject ney General's office." Last night, a spokesman for the Attorney General said that cheque book journalism

was under consideration within government, though there are no prosecutions of newspapers planned over the A spokeswoman for the Lord Chancellor, said discus-

sions between the Attorney General's office and the Lord Chancellor's office were under way.

banning of handgums' storage in people's homes. Yesterday the SNP leader, Alex Sal-

mond, proposed a total ban on

guns except for "agricultural or countryside" use.

At question time the Labour leader, Tony Blair, told Mr Major: "It would be

sensible to begin at least examining these issues now on an all-party basis." Mr Major replied: "I know the Home

Secretary would welcome the

views of other parties."

More than 100 MPs signed a

Commons motion urging a ban on the video distribution

of Natural Born Killers.

John Palmer in Brussels

SLUMP in agricultural spending by the Euro-pean Union is providing an unexpected bonanza which could help to finance a big increase in EU infrastructure investment, and also return cash from Brussels to

national governments.

A confidential report to be presented to the European Commission today says that underspending in the EU farm budget could total more than £3.6 billion over the next three years. Last week EU finance min-

isters rebuffed a proposal by the commission president, Jacques Santer, to switch about 21 billion of expected farm savings to boost invest-ment in trans-European transport and energy net-works and other job creating projects. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and other ministers insisted that any spare cash in the EU budget should be returned to

should be returned to national governments.
But the new report going to the commission predicts much larger potential savings, thanks to a bigger than expected drop in spending on the Common Agricultural Policy.
"The estimate of the [£3.6 billion] savings may prove, if anything, to be conservative. The savings between now and 1999 could be even greater," a senior comeven greater," a senior com-mission source said.

The slump in spending on the CAP is partly due to a faster rise in prices on world food markets than in Europe, and partly to curbs on excess production introduced as part of the reform of the CAP during the past decade. The narrower price differential between international and European markets has enabled the EU to slash food ex-

port subsidies.
The EU's agricultural sur-pluses and its notorious food mountains have all but disap-peared in the case of many key products, such as grains and dairy produce. Moreover, the cost of incentives to farmers to co-operate with the CAP reforms and to develop new uses for the countryside has proved less than forecast. This year the total EU bud-

get is put at about £57.4 billion, of which the CAP accounts for around £28 billion. The prospect of a big underspend in the EU budget should make it easier to win the agreement of all 15 governments for at least part of the savings to be invested in the trans-European net-works, in industrial research and development, and help for small businesses. "These are all vitally im-

portant projects to help boost the competitiveness of the European economy and help create jobs," the commission source pointed out.

But with their own budgets under strain, and most EU governments keen to meet the Maastricht treaty conditions for joining a single European currency, national treasuries will want as hig repayments from Brussels as possible. The extent to which the farm

budget can be milked for other projects will depend on governments agreeing not to step up demands for bigger payments to their farmers.

Kohi pins hope on euro, page

## Girl paralysed by shrapnel in Bosnia flown to UK for treatment

Sarah Boseley

JURMIJA Mujic, the 12-Tyear-old Bosnian girl paralysed by shrapnel who gery, Elvis Kosacevic. 14, was rescued from a hopeless future by a British soldier, flew back to Britain for treatment vesterday.

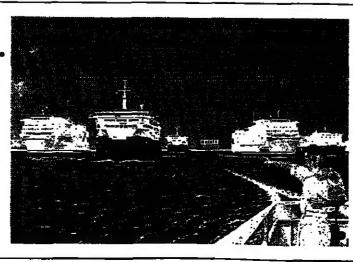
that they have no hope of growing to adulthood in Bos-nia. Adnan Cosic, aged 16 months, has a congenital heart defect which needs surneeds open heart surgery and
Ivo Susac, seven, has intractable epilepsy.
Donations to Child Advo-

With her were three other children suffering childhood afflictions of such severity on Trent, ST4 6QL.

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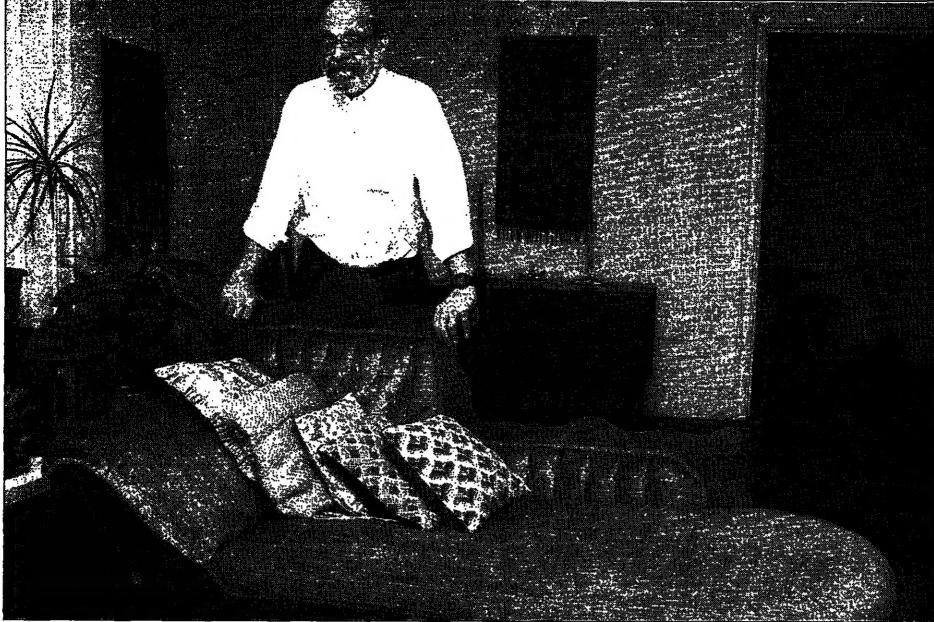
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George Delury in the New York apartment where he assisted his wife's death. His diary told of his frustration with her indecisiveness about taking her life

# Last words in diary of death

After years looking after his chronically ill wife, George Delury encouraged her to take her life, and gave her the means. Soon, he starts a jail term. lan Katz reports on a US debate about helping people to die



Myrna Lebov with her husband. 'She didn't want to live in a state of total dependency and mindlessness

EORGE DELURY is making plans to sublet his apart-ment. It will be available for four months, he says, less if he is released early for the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. On May 17, barring legal sur-prises, the bespectacled free-lance editor, aged 63, will pack

a small bag and go to jail for helping his chronically ill wife to commit suicide last July. Mr Delury's decision to accept a plea bargain last Friday of second-degree attempted manslaughter — and a six-month prison sentence — was a strik-ing counterpoint to a federal appeal court ruling barely a week earlier that Americans had a constitutional right to seek help in dying.

it also came just days after a Michigan jury cleared Jack Kevorkian, the so-called "suicide doctor", of breaking the law by helping two terminally ill "patients" to take their own lives.

faced a charge of second-degree manslaughter, carrying a maximum term of 15 years, says he decided against challenging New York's ban on assisted suicide because "the issues here are so complex and sensitive that the law simply is not equipped to

Mr Delury may have been all but convicted by the hon-esty of a diary he kept of his wife's last months, in which he recorded his growing desperation and frustration with her indecisiveness about taking her life.
He readily admits that he

did more than simply provide Myrna Lebov, aged 52, with a solution of anti-depressants, water and honey in the early hours of July 4.
"I at no time discouraged

her. At every point I encour-aged her to decide and to quit

Mr Delury, who originally pendency and mindlessness."

aced a charge of secondegree manslaughter, carrySloane, for one, believes Mr Delury pushed her into com-mitting suicide. Another fac-tor which has complicated the debate about the case is that Ms Lebov was not, by conventional definitions, terminally ill. She suffered from multiple ease which by last year had rendered her wheelchair-

> basic bodily functions without help.
> Mr Delury says he knew
> she was in the early stages of the disease when they mar-ried in 1974. "I asked myself, would I be able to bear the potential burden and I de-cided that I'd have to give it a try. I loved her. I didn't want

bound and unable to perform

to be without her." He says he and Ms Lebov. who was also a writer and editor, enjoyed almost 10 because I was afraid for happy years before her condi-her and knew she didn't want tion began to decline dramati-to live in a state of total de-cally. For at least the year lethal. He practised dissolv-

leading up to her death, however, her condition made life for both of them a constant trial. He had to catheterise her four times a day and watched in dismay as her sharp mind deteriorated.

"It was getting to the point where she couldn't follow a movie plot. She used to read a stopped reading." He says she also suffered extreme mood swings during which "it was like she had gone away". They had talked about sui-

cide as early as 1979, when his mother died. In early 1995, Mr Delury raised the subject once more, worried that his wife was approaching the point beyond which she would be unable to take the decision to kill herself.

He did his own research on the Internet and in medical reference books and concluded that a massive dose of

delivery + VAT)

though he kept some of the poison in the refrigerator, in a jar marked prune juice, Ms Lebov repeatedly changed her mind about taking her life. On some occasions when she said she wanted to. Mr Delury feared she was suffering from acute depression and refused

At the same time, Mr De-lury was increasingly desper-ate. "I had been at this for five years, working, in effect, 16hour days, seven days a week
... The idea of taking care of
just a body and the person absent — I could not have done
it. I think I would have killed

On July 3, however, Ms Le-bov surprised him by saying she wanted to kill herself the following day, Independence Day, Later, she said there was no point in waiting: she would do it that night. She tried to write a suicide note but gave up and watched Forrest Gump instead.

## □ Petito: Ms

Who's Who:

Lebov's doctor

☐ Gloria: Ms Lebov's home health aide

□ Claudette: Ms Lebov's substitute home helper ☐ Luye: Ms

Lebov's physical therapist ☐ Tarpey: Ms Lebov's psychiatric

social worker Anna: Mr Delury's daughter

Mr Delury cooked chicken and chips, their favourite meal while courting, and they drank wine at the card table in their bedroom. They barely spoke. "If we had talked we may have broken down and

not gone through with it."
After the meal, Mr Delury
says, his wife asked in a
"businesslike, peremptory" tone for the drug cocktail. He gave it to her just after mid-night then "held her in my arms till she was nearly asleep. Then I kissed her and rolled her on her side and said "I love you". I don't know

if she heard." The next morning he wrote in his diary: "Slept through the alarm. It's over. Myrna is dead. Desolation."

The telephone rings as he recalls her last hours. It is a man seeking advice on helping his ailing wife to commit suicide. There have been many such calls. "I hate them Suddenly I'm an expert on killing people," he says.

# **ff**George, I want tomorrow to be my last day. Life like this is a drag!

## Chronicle of a death foretold

February 28 VISITED Petito today. We told him Myrna was getting really tired of the struggle. He shunted the thought aside. No help there. Myrna was less agitated this eve-ning. We talked some more of . . . what needs to be done before the end.

March 1
I went out very briefly after
Gloria left to get some milk
for making corn mufflus.
When I came back, I found Myrna in tears, sobbing. What could I do but bold what committee was her. I knew what she was feeling, I've felt it myself. A deep, deep sorrow, inexpressible, inconsolable.

Is this country so damned crazy about life at any price, that we are all but unable to help the dying meet the end

March 5 Yesterday, Sabbath, Myrna indicated she was not ready to call it quits. She insists she can do something! Help her find out what! I have no idea. I told her so.

*March 12* Today is Myrna's birthday -52 years, 10 under the cloud. We're having a small party with our closest and best friends — Claudette, Gloria and Luye.

Later, after the party:

Luye brought an ice cream cake and Claudette put two candles on it. We sang Happy Birthday and Gloria called for Myrna to make a wish. I suppose she did, and then she blew out the candles. I almost lost it. I walked fast into the kitchen choking on sobs.

Reread about amitriptylin in the Physician's Desk Ref-erence again today. It defi-nitely looks like it could do the job. Better still, I experisome 10mg tablets in a small amount of water.

March 27 It is a measure of my isolation that when I first began to think about my alternatives...they came down to four — sacrifice myself to Myrna's care (status quo), recognize that my life is over in that option and end it now (the easiest way out), walk away (criminal in more ways than one), or kill

her (perhaps the kindest thing for all concerned). From all this I conclude that it is divorce time again. But this time I am going to do my damnedest to get out of it with something for myself. I am going to cry out for help and support and con-sideration and approbation.

April 5 This evening she admitted that she can't read a book anymore . . . and said she doesn't want to stick around I told her I had solved the drug intake problem. She changed the subject. I think I better get ready. I dissolved and filtered 1,500 mg of Elavil today, I'll taste test it tonight before storing it in the fridge. It would be horrible to go out one evening and use it and find it was growing hair.

May 19 Myrna is definitely down from the latest high, show-ing increased depression over her handicaps. . . My problem: if she asks for the poison now but seems very depressed, should I comply? Is she still autonomous? If I comply, I may be serving my own interests more than hers. If I don't, she may be losing her last chance to make the

per tonight, I asked her how she was feeling. She surprised me. She said, "I'm go ing to end it tonight or ing to end it fonight or tomorrow night." She didn't see the point of going to see Tarpey again, she is tired of not being able to do anything by herself, of not being able to go out by her-self. She said everything is a chore. She said she is

tired. . . I think it will not be tonight, but I am afraid her mood is very strange. I be-lieve it is a possibility that she has passed the point of no escape into a condition in which she thinks about death, wants it, but is unable to will the act. I hope that is not the case. She could spend the next 20 years in that grim twilight.

June 13
The despair is deep. It is largely because Myrna is wholly out of it. Her memory is terrible. She seems to have no connection to yes-terday or tomorrow, living wholly in the moment. She shows no emotions, no ap-parent feelings about much of anything, unless it's irritation over some little frustration. She saw Tarpey today; said she talked all the time, but can't remem

ber what it was all about. I'm essentially living alone July 3
This morning, she said,
"George, I want tomorrow
to be my last day. Life like seems very interesting or worthwhile. It's all too much trouble." I asked if there was anything special she wanted to eat today or

tomorrow. Nothing, except the chicken. Whether she holds to this plan or not, I can't predict, but she is more serious about this now than I have

ever seen her before. 3.30pm: Myrna has pushed up the schedule to tonight. She seems mostly concerned about whether she can keep the amitriptylin down and whether it will work . . . She was going to try to work on her suicide note, but at the last minute decided to watch Forrest

July 4, 12,30am Myrna has just consumed 3,000 to 4,000 mg of the ami-tryptilin. Her courage was remarkable. Once begun, she went ahead as long as she could before it began to threaten the heaves...She said very little. Very direct and businesslike. No tear-ful goodbyes, no jokes, just a let's get this done ap-proach. All rather anti-

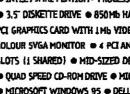
2.15am: Myrna is sleeping very soundly, breathing heavily. I'm going to grab an hour's sleep. 5.30am: Slept through the alarm. It's over. Myrna is

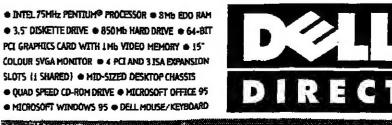
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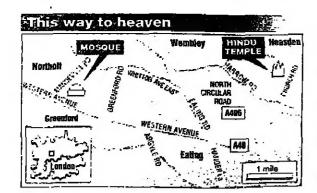






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# Madeleine Bunting sees one of the biggest and most beautiful mosques in Britain rising by an industrial estate



# Minarets and domes rise among the warehouses

mosques ever built in Britain is emerging in the incongruous surroundings of warehouses on an industrial estate in a suburb of west London.

The domes and minarets of rose-pink sandstone are rising above the rooftops in Northolt, only four miles from Neasden, home to a spectacular Hindu temple opened last summer.

Allegations of traditional Hindu/Muslim rivalry between the Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir in Neasden and new Mohammedi Park Masjid Complex are quickly rejected by mem-bers of the 4,900-strong Bohras Muslims in Britain, who began planning the mosque in 1980 before they had heard of the Hindu temple. They have lavished £8 million on a complex of

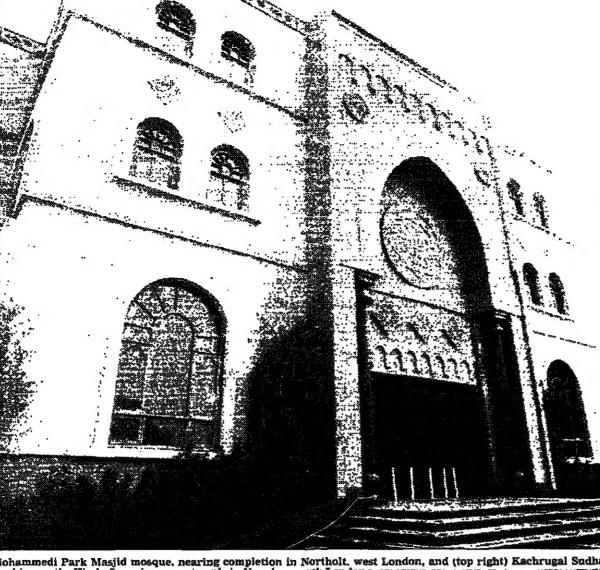
NE OF the largest around a mosque which and most beautiful will seat 1.000 people.

Yesterday the Prince of

Wales, who has taken a keen interest in the mosque's reinterpretation of traditional Islamic architecture from Fatimid Egypt, visited the still in-complete complex. One of his architectural advisers. Keith Critchlow, who teaches at his Institute of Architecture, has been closely involved in the

Inevitably comparisons will be drawn between these two striking religious landmarks in London.

Both have been built by sects originating in Guje-rat, which have been able to raise money from inter-national communities and mobilise volunteers to build monuments which will put these marginal groups on the map. Behind the new Moham-



Mohammedi Park Masjid mosque, nearing completion in Northolt, west London, and (top right) Kachrugal Sudhal Working on the Hindu Swaminarayan temple in Neasden, north London Photographs: Graham Turner above, and KIPPA MATTHEW

due to be completed in the | wear white caps trimmed Bobras, a rich community of traders which counts a are distinctive by their

in gold, and beards.
"This is the first mosque

we have built in Europe, million followers in India, said Lubaina Tyebji, a East Africa, the US, Canada press spokesman. "Because and the UK. They are a we are a business commu-branch of Shia Islam and nity we settle in many countries. Wherever we clothing; the women wear live, we build mosques to veils tied under the chin, teach our children about

The mosque offers a sports ball for basketball and volleyball, and a com-munal dining room and kitchens will be able to feed up to 1,000 people on festimen. val days. The mosque's architecture is simple and severe, but a frieze of intri-

There has been considerable local opposition — fu elled by an active British National Party presence in cate plasterwork proclaiming the bundred names of Northolt. Perhaps to offset Allah will run around the possible hostility the com-

designs on the window glass and a screen of mabogany filigree will sepa-rate the women from the



There are about 600 mosques in the UK of which about 150 are purpose built. The rest are in converted homes or churches.

Regent's Park mosque in London, built with donations from Saudi Arabia, is the largest. It can hold several thousand worshippers. The Aga Khan's mosque in South Kensington is one of the most prestigious. Large mosques have also recently been built in Leicester. Birmingham, Glasgow and Blackburn.

There are about 120 Hindu temples. Many are in converted churches, schools, houses or warehouses At least four have been ourpose built in elaborate Hindu style. The most famous is the remarkable marble temple of the Swaminarayan Hindu Mission in Neasden.

Southall and Willesden, also in west London, also have traditional temples as does Leicuster. Another is at the planning stage in Ealing. JEWS:

There are about 350 synogogues. Just over half are in London, with the greatest concentrations in Barnet and Hackney.

The number of synagogues increased by 30 in the 1980s as Jews moved out of the inner cities to set up new communities in East Anglia, Kent and on the South coast. CHRISTIANS: In 1994 there were 49,847

churches. The total is stable: every week six churches close and six open. ... The fastest growing

denominations are the evangelical New Churches, which have opened 1,897 since 1980, the Baptists (439) and the

plex has been designed to blend into the neighbour-hood. Town houses run round the perimeter of the complex, screening the mosque from the street. All have been bought by members of the community to create a Muslim enclave in this mixture of industry and 1930s suburban streets

The complex has been designed to meet all the needs of its inhabitants - spiritual, social and physical, explained Mustafa Abul-

hussein. This architecture is about the blurring of the difference between religious and secular. There is great beauty in its simplicity."

# Scott attacks 'elective dictatorship'

**Richard Norton-Taylor** 

IR RICHARD SCOTT cynical evasion" of its constitutional duty by continuing to use powers based on emergency second world

power — by both Conserva-tive and Labour administrations, and the failure of Par-liament to act when it had the opportunity do so — "gave substance to the charge that the constitution has become an elective dictatorship.

their power in a speech pre- | gency had continued until the

versity of Essex. Failure to place the legislation on a proper statutory footing had been "prompted by consider-ations of administrative convenience and political

expediency an elective dictatorship." Whitehall lawyers, Sir He attacked the way successive governments had abused that claims that the emer-

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ment in Germany was a "con-versient fiction". "What business has a democratic Government in a country subject to the rule of law, to use 'convenient fiction' ... in order to continue its use of emergency powers?", asked the author of the arms-to-Iraq report, published last month A phrase in the law covering

in 1990 without opposition. It declared the end of the wartime emergency but made the emergency powers permanent. The continued use of those powers, he said, was "constitutionally unacceptable". The union representing top Whitehall officials alleged that the Scott report — and the Government's response had opened a "chasm" on the issue of ministerial responsibility to Parliament that left

ble position.
The report's criticisms of as those directed at ministers against whom no action is to general secretary of the First Division Association, in the the union's journal. "Urgent clarification about responsibility for the deliberate misleading of the House of Com-

mons is now needed." Officials are deeply con-cerned about the implications of the claim by Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary and head of the Civil Service, that

ily "responsible" for the actions of their departments. Sir Richard agreed in his report that government had minister could not realisti-cally be blamed "simply be cause something has gone wrong" in his department.

Ms Symons says this threatens "to leave huge areas of government business without any apparent lines of responsibility to democratic representatives.



Sir Richard Scott: 'cynical

# Labour delays Railtrack plans

Rebecca Smithers and Keith Harper

HE Labour leadership has delayed its long-awaited plans to set out its strategy on the renationalisation of Railtrack because of divisions among senior members of the shadow cabi-

net about the policy.
Tony Blair was originally due this week to give details of his party's position on the nany, which the Government in May with a £2 billion price

This would have come ahead of next month's flotation prospectus, which will contain a 'political risk' statement warning prospective investors of a future Labour government's plans.

Amid conflicting signals about the precise mechanism Labour will use to honour its commitment to "a publicly owned and publicly accountable railway". Mr Blair is refusing to make a statement until he is ready.

Several drafts to cover Labour's policy on Ralltrack attack Labour's position, have been prepared, but even with a vague wording they have not been approved because of disagreements about the public expenditure commitment involved.

Deputy leader John Prestransport spokesman Brian tough line involving some | following month.

form of buy-back of the shares in Railtrack, which would keep the trade unions happy and underline Labour's oppo sition to the sell-off.
This could be done by issue

change for ordinary shares — a legally complex option — or by buying back a controlling stake in Railtrack which would be bugely expensive.

But shadow transport see

retary Clare Short and shadow chancellor Gordon Brown are hoping to convince Mr Blair that ownership is ir relevant, provided that a future government ensures tough regulation and control over its charging regime, which determines its profits. This would involve minimal expenditure, while meeting Labour's criteria of "a pub-licly accountable" railway. but would infuriate the

The shadow cabinet will seek to firm up its policy at a meeting this evening, following meetings between Mr Prescott and the transport team to try to resolve the The Government will

whenever it comes, although it remains confident the May flotation will go without a The pathfinder prospectus

setting out the details of the flotation but without the key cott — who is heading the policy review — and junior each share — will be published in mid-April, ahead of Wilson are known to favour a the formal share offer the

# More teachers sue for assault

Donald MacLeod

■OUR more local authorities are to be sued for negligence by a teach-ers union which won record compensation for a primary teacher permanently injured by a pupil aged 10.

The National Association of

ichoolmasters Union of Women Teachers is also calling for police or security guards to be stationed at potential flashpoints in school the installation of closed-circuit cameras and personal panic alarms for teachers.

Hazel Spence-Young received £82,500 from Coventry city council last week for spinal injuries inflicted at Frederick Bird primary school in 1989 by a boy who was so violent that an educational psychologist said he should be in a special school. He punched and kicked her as she tried to persuade him to go back into the classroom. Now unable to work, she needs constant painkillers.

including morphine, and her right arm is partly paralysed. Repeated requests for the child to be moved from the school had been ignored be-fore the attack. She and a fellow class teacher were in-structed to integrate him into their class of 48 pupils. She said yesterday she

She said yesterday she hoped her award — in an outof-court settlement after the also been failed by the sysunion began legal action —
would persuade other teach-

ers to complain about a hid-dep mountain of violence and

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary. thorities in Nottinghamshire. Leeds. Derbyshire and Sandwell in the West Midlands over similar incidents. Grantmaintained school governors would also be taken to court

He urged councils to stop closing special schools and units for emotionally and be haviourially disturbed chilsending out to negligent em-ployers is that the union will pursue these cases. And if we can't pursue them with reason and common sense and justice, we will pursue them in the courts and hit them where it hurts, in their

Local authorities could use security guards at schools at break times and after class to prevent gang violence, Mr de Gruchy said.

Unless action was taken now. British schools would end up like American ones with guards on the gates. The number of serious violent incidents reported to the union rose from 10 in 1990 to a re-

Asked about the boy, who was moved to a special school after the incident, Mrs

## Lords back voluntary code over TV sporting highlights

Andrew Culf Media Correspon

AVOLUNTARY code to safeguard highlights of afeguard highlights of sports events on the BBC and ITV received all-party back-ing in the Lords last night as the Government averted a fresh defeat over television sports coverage.

Lord Howell, the former

Labour sports minister, withdrew an amendment which would have forced sporting bodies to sell packages of highlights to terrestrial channels when satellite stations in the body campaigned for legislation to protect highlights, said: "We look forward to the Government coming up with had exclusive live coverage, its own proposals to make and threw his support behind | sure the public continue to a voluntary code.

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Tees, yesterday became the on highlights and is confident | first leading television execuof getting major sports to sign

The development was welcomed by Lord Inglewood, the broadcasting minister: "A voluntary code is the right way to proceed with this matter ... There is no reason to suppose that a successful outcome will not be achieved." Lord Howeli said the code casting Bill.

went a long way to addressing fears that highlights of events including rugby union inter-nationals, Royal Ascot, Open golf and the Ryder Cup, might not remain available on main-stream channels. A fortnight ago the Government conceded so-called sporting crown jewels including Wimbledon, Grand National and FA Cup final - would remain avail-

able to terrestrial viewers. have access to these impor-

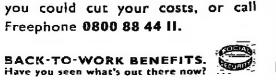
Tees, yesterday became the tive to support the introduction of electronic chip technology to protect children from violence on TV. The House of Commons is expected to debate the so-called V-chip, which is to be in-stalled in all United States television sets from 1998, during discussion of the Broad-

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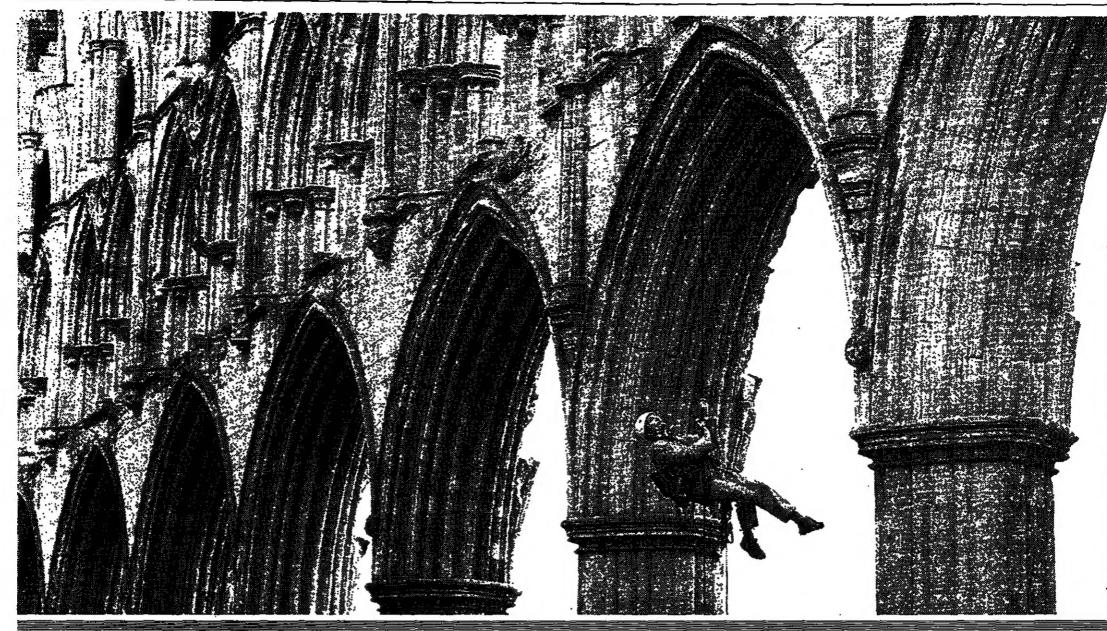
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# Team of climbers surveys abbey

ROCK climber Chris Milford (left), dan-gling above the ruins of a Yorkshire abbey yes-terday, is engaged with colattempt to trace frost damage in the fragile medieval masonry, writes Martin

Stone blisters have been detected on the upper courses of the nave and transepts at Rievaula, a 12th century Cistercian abbey near Helmsley, threatening to topple frag-ments 70ft to the floor. "Normally we would

have to put up scaffolding to carry out such a detailed survey as this," said John Simons of English Heritage, which is planning a sixmonth repair programme using stainless steel pins. "But climbers can get to the top parts of the abbey quickly and effectively.

quickly and effectively, saving time and money."

The survey is being carried out by Wallworkers, a Bristol consortium of specialist climbers. The team will video the damage, on stones erected by Abbot Ailred's craftsmen in 1131, while conservation. 1131, while conservation-ists study the images on

Less than half marriages will last 25 years, but living alone need not necessarily mean solitude, survey finds

# Odds on divorce stacked against silver weddings

Only one in nine marriages is likely to last a golden 50 years

David Bripdie, Social Services Corresponde

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ESS than half married couver wedding anniversary, sovernment statisticians said

ringes will collapse in div-orce, according to the latest forecasts from the Office of Population Censuses and Sur veys. Taking account of deaths, the statisticians say only 48.4 per cent of married couples will still be together

The forecasts are based on 1993/94 divorce rates. Previous forecasts suggested 37 per cent of marriages would end in divorce (based on 1987 rates) and 34 per cent (1979/80 rates). John Haskey, the OPCS official responsible for the calculations, said divorce had risen inexorably over the past 30 years and it was reasonable to assume the 1993/94 rates would at least persist. Indeed, Mr Haskey agreed that the 41 per cent divorce forecast was "proba-bly" conservative. But he said was impossible to extrapolate the figure to indicate whether most new marriages were doomed to divorce.

Divorce rate

which full figures are available, with 165,000 children under 16 caught up in the proceedings. Of couples marrying in

1961, 23 per cent were div-orced within 10 years. This compares to 17 per cent of those marrying in 1971, 7 per cent of those in 1961 and 3 per cent of those in 1951.

higher among certain groups: more than 40 per cent of 1960s and 1970s marriages had ended in divorce by 1994 where the husband had married as a teenager, or where either partner had re-married vious divorce.

Among previously-divorced men who remarried in their

meat. His jumper was torn to shreds and his back was like

a pepperpot with all the tooth

One in nine marriages is likely to last 50 years for a golden wedding anniversary. Mr Haskey said he expected the Government's divorce law

reform to trigger an initial rise in divorces — as couples

sought a quick, fault-based settlement under present ar-rangements ahead of the

planned changes — followed by a short-term fall after the

Death rates among men are

almost twice as high on inner

city estates as in well-off dis-

tricts, according to an OPCS

analysis. The study is one of the first to look at health dif-

ferences at the level of elec-

The average, standardised

death rate in 1990-92 was 96 per cent higher among men.

and 73 per cent higher among

women, on estates in inner cities than among those in "prosperous" wards. The analysis shows pros-

perous and rural areas made

the greatest health gains be-

tween 1981 and 1992. Sixteen

most prosperous wards.

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nges. A long-term, impac on divorces was unlikely.

Some 158,000 couples div-orced in England and Wales in 1994, the latest year for

Divorce rates are strikingly

in their early 20s after a pre-

Population Trends 83; HMSO; early 20s in "snapshot" years

of 1966 or 1971, more than half | £9m campaign were divorced by 1991. On present trends, the OPCS expects one in nine coulaunched to ples to divorce before five years of marringe and almost one in four before 10 years. change couch potato culture

Chris Mihill

A THREE-YEAR, 29 million tion campaign was launched resterday aimed at changing "couch potato" Britain by en-couraging everyone to take at least 30 minutes' moderate exerrise five times a week

cation Authority found that even out of 10 women and six enough to benefit their

The initiative is stressing that people do not need to take vigorous or formal exercise such as squash, running or aerobics. Instead, walking to work, taking the stairs instead of the lift, cycling, danc-ing or gardening can have sig-nificant benefits.

The HEA said half the population was overweight and one in four was sedentary, inin every 100 boys (33 in every 100 girls) born in "ports and industry" areas will survive to age 85, compared to 24 in 100 boys (43 in 100 girls) in creasing the risk of illnesses such as heart disease, strokes. raised blood pressure, osteo porosis and diabetes.

Baroness Cumberlege, junior health minister, said: We want to counter the myth that physical activity is about

sport and nothing else. It means things like walking and cycling and dancing. Many people don't appreciate that lack of exercise is one of the main risk factors for heart disease. We want to see more people more active more often."

Paul Lincoln, HEA director said: "The hype about the fit-ness boom of the 1980s has clearly passed many people by. We are all spending more time in sedentary occupa-tions like looking at computer screens. We are becoming a

nation of couch potatoes.

"Inactive and unfit people have double the risk of heart The campaign, Active for fit and active counterparts. Life, has been launched after Inactivity is as big a risk as a survey for the Health Edu raised blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking. A brisk walk, cycling or garden-ing can have significant health benefits provided they

are done often enough. "Thirty minutes of activity five times a week can mean something as simple as someone taking two 15-minute

walks a day."
Nick Cavill, the HEA's physical activity manager, said 26 per cent of women and 16 per cent of men were put off exercise because they did not regard themselves as sporty.
"Many people are put off by

the glamorous Baywatch image associated with activ-ity. But activity doesn't mean sport or exercise. Activity that will improve health is within everyone's reach and can be part of daily living."



keep fit while another seems to be on the opposite tack. The HEA is seeking to



'happy singles' set to dispel loneliness myth

Rise and rise of

THE number of people liv-ing alone — and enjoying will increase sharply over the next five years, while the proportion of people aged under 25 is set to go into steep decline, according to two sur

veys released today. By 2000, 30 per cent of the nerson households due to the older single-person house higher divorce rates, longer life expectancy, and the trend for couples to marry later.

The reports, by the marketing research organisation Mintel and the British Youth Council, give a snapshot of change and opinions among

two overlapping groups: the young and the unattached.

The findings undermine the myth of "sad, lonely singles". In many cases they may be more sociable than married couples, Angela Hughes, Mintel's consumer research manager, said yesterday. "Couple-dom doesn't appear to be quite the cherished notion it

was 10 years ago." By the end of the century, the Mintel survey suggests, there will be 8 million single households, compared with the 6.8 million recorded by women live on their own, and the majority enjoy the free-dom and the sense of achieve-

ment it brings. The stigma of living alone is waning. "While more women than men admit finding it lonely, men are more likely to find it difficult to manage on their own." Ms Hughes added that "happy singles" far out-number "struggling singles", those who stress factors such as loneliness or the greater expense of solo living. People living alone are keener on buying products which are environmentally or

ethically friendly than those in traditional family groups. The traditional picture of hold as a poverty-stricken pensioner is no longer totally accurate," the report says. London boasts the highes proportion of "happy singles"

(56 per cent).

The British Youth Council presents a less upbest view of generation. The number of 16 to 25-year-olds is expected to fall by 20 per cent in the next 70 years, its report says. Their unemployment rate (15.4 per cent) is nearly double the national average and their wages have fallen compared with adult earnings.

The report, The Time of Your Life save: "The country

Your Life, says: The country has never had such a well educated and independent generation ... yet the gap be-tween society's expectations and many young people's ex-periences is wide."

# Cruft's showdog savages child | Homeless Big Issue sellers 'find love'

Bull mastiff to be destroyed after its second attack in three years

Martin Wahrwright

URGEONS operated last night to reconstruct the face of an eight-year-old boy who was savaged by a Cruft's showdog bull mastiff when he ran to retrieve a foot-ball from a neighbour's

The dog is to be destroyed following the vicious attack, its second in three years, which left Michael Swain's face and back shredded with

Neighbours ran to help the screaming schoolboy as the masuff, Casper, repeatedly at-tacked him after pushing tacked him after pusning through a half-opened front door in a quiet residential area of Bradford, West York shire. Michael was given exime incident. He added: "Thank God Michael had his glasses the time. He is a typical city's Royal infirmary and is on at the time. He is a typical due to have further treatment.

He has been in a lot of pain



Michael Swain: Underwent extensive plastic surgery

Mr Swain said Casper had attacked his wife, Sonya, fore going into surgery."

Mr Oxley broke down in tears as he talked about Casper, which shared his house in Horton Bank Top. Brad-ford, with his wife, Karen, and their six-month-old baby. His father. Graham, 37, a but he was joking today be | Intely devastated and heart- erely mauled by a built errier.

broken to lose Casper, but that's nothing to the feeling I have for Michael and his family. I'm so sorry about what has happened to Michael." West Yorkshire police said

Mr Oxley had agreed to have the dog destroyed and a report had been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service Dogs Act. A decision on whether charges will be was dangerously out of con-trol will be made later. Terry Singh, Bradford's

chief animal warden, said: "Any dog can turn, because they are very unpredictable animals. This type of dog has been used for centuries. mainly by gamekeepers on large estates. But they are increasingly popular as guard

dogs."
A fully grown bull mastiff like Casper weighs an aver-age of 110-30 lbs. The law gov-erning potentially dangerous dogs was changed in 1991 following another vicious attack in Bradford on a child Before the dog was removed attack in Bradford on a child by a vet he said: "I am abso- Roxana Khan, who was sev

## Magazine street vendors 'meet | thy for the homeless in stopped. Twenty-five per bostility but enjoy better health' | The homeless "were seen cent had stopped drinking. hostility but enjoy better health'

Martyn Halsall

OVE has blossomed or the streets of Liverpoo ers of the Big Issue maga zine and some of their cus-tomers, university research is about to reveal. The first academic survey

of the lives and loves of 70, mostly single, Big Issue sellers found their job paid dividends in health and social benefits, compared with unemployed homeless

partners "with whom they intended sharing their lives once they obtained secure, independent accommoda-tion", says the report by a team led by Sean Stitt of John Moores University in Liverpool, to be published

There is no love lost between magazine vendors and the Government, it

The unanimous percep tion of all vendors was that central and local government were 'poisonously and saw them as 'worthless vermin' who should be cleaned off the streets' and

'locked up'."
All vendors surveyed
blamed the Government for their homelessness.

Among the jobless group, 25 per cent blamed them-selves for being homeless, half blamed the Govern-

ment and 25 per cent said responsibility lay with "public prejudice".

Badged vendors sell the campaigning housing magazine on designated "pitches" and the same just over the half the price of each copy.

The report says vendors still detect "great hostility" from the public, despite a from the public, despite a Sixty per cent of vendors help initiatives are very general increase in sympa-said their alcohol consumphelpful," she said.

the end of last year.

as druggies, lazy, dirty, al-coholics [and] drop-outs who deserved nothing more".

Four out of five vendors said their physical and mental health had improved significantly since they started selling the magazine, while 65 per cent of non-vendors felt their health was deteriorating

every day.

Ruth Turner, spokeswoman for the Big Issue in the North-west, where the magazine sells 35,000 copies a week and where 52,500 people are registered homeless, said the maga-zine was delighted that its campaign was now backed

research.
"This proves to us that it does work and that self-

by independent academic

### **ESCOM UK Ltd** 7. 6.23 "On 16th March 1996 we carried an advertisement on behalf of ESCOM UK Limited. Why is everyone That advertisement indicated that product prices advertised became effective on 22nd February talking Yakult?

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News in brief

## **Ex-dictator picked** as Benin president

BENIN'S former dictator, Mathieu Kerekou, the first African leader to be ousted at the ballot box, was refurned to power on Monday in a stunning upset at the polls.

State-run radio announced that Mr Kerekou had won 59 per cent, overwhelming President Nicephore Soglo, who had 41 per cent of the vote in Monday's poll runoff. The vote has to be confirmed by the constitutional court.

During Mr Kerekou's 17 years in power he was accused of running the econony into the ground and torturing his political opponents. But Mr Soglo's economic reforms led to inflation and unemployment that ultimately turned much of the country against him. The bulk of Mr Kerekou's support came from his native north and the tens of thousands of civil servants who lost their jobs when Mr Soglo came to power in Benin's first

democratic election in 1991.

One of Mr Kerekou's first tasks will be to convince international donors and lending institutions that he has abandoned his socialist policies and will continue the free-market system that made Benin's economy one of the fastest growing in West Africa. — AP. Cotonou, Benin.

## Boycotts hit Bangladesh

BANGLADESH'S parliament opened with only one opposition chair occupied yesterday, while in a separate ceremony the prime minister, Khaleda Zia, was sworn in with all but one foreign diplomat boycotting the event. International observers found widespread improprieties in the parliamentary elections on February 15. All the main opposition parties refused to take part.

Outside parliament yesterday thousands of opposition supporters clashed with police and the paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles as they tried to force their way into the session. Scores of people

The parliament is expected to be the shortest in Bangladesh's history. Mrs Zia, while not specifying any time frame, insisted that the only purpose of the sixth parliament would be to amend the constitution so that all future national elections could be held under a caretaker government — one of the opposition's de-mands. "I hope this will satisfy the opposition parties and they will all participate in the next election," she said. — Arshad Mahmud, Dhaka.

## Violence grows in Bahrain

ONE of Bahrain's opposition groups, the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, has threatened to escalate violence if a death sentence on a convicted detainee is carried out by the

The death sentence on Issa Qambar, aged 27, for the murder of a police sergeant, is the first confirmed by Bahrain's security courts since the campaign for a renewal of democracy was begun by opposition groups 15 months ago. The sentence has not yet been confirmed by the Emir, Shelkh issa, but it has triggered demonstrations around the island, particularly at secondary schools.

Residents in the capital said the authorities freed 30 Muslim

Shi'ites who were arrested in connection with anti-government protests. Earlier yesterday, residents said at least three students had been arrested the previous day during protests in schools at the death sentence. — Kothy Evans and agencies.

## Israel flies in Thai workers

AN AIRLIFT of workers from Thailand to Israel began yesterday with the arrival of 238 farm labourers due to take the jobs of

Palestinians barred after the recent suicide bombings.
"It's the beginning of the mass of workers coming now because of the situation," said Liora Fine-Hiller, an agriculture ministry official, at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion airport. The Thais, flown in on an El Al jet, will pick oranges, vegetables and flowers on farms. The ministry has said it planned to bring in 4,000 foreign workers to join the 73,000 — mainly from Thailand, Romania and China — aiready employed legally in Israel. Government officials said 100,000 unlicensed foreigners work in the country.

A three-week-old Israeli closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip has kept more than 70,000 Palestinians from their jobs, mainly in construction and industry. — Reuter, Tel Aviv.

## **Hope for Polisario Front**

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela of South Africa wants to formally Sahara, but has delayed doing so at the request of the United

Nations, officials said on yesterday.

Raymond Suttner, chairman of the parliamentary committee on foreign affairs, told reporters he expected an exchange of ambassadors soon with the former Spanish colony, now occupied by Morocco. "I have the impression that it might be a matter of

months," he said.

Parks Mankahlana, a presidential spokesman, confirmed that Mr Mandela had written to the leader of the Polisario Front, Mohamed Abdelaziz, offering full recognition. "The president ha also written to the foreign ministry instructing them to set in motion a process to extend diplomatic recognition to the Saharan Republic," he said. But he added that Mr Mandela had delayed the process at the request of Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the UN secretary general, who felt it could tip the balance in delicate negotiations with Morocco. — Cape Town, Reuter.



Police stand guard outside a kindergarten in Mexico City after a police helicopter chasing a carload of bank robbers crashed into the building killing three people aboard. Those inside the kingergarten escaped injury.

## 40 dead in second avalanche

A SECOND avalanche in five days struck a remote area of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir overnight, killing 40 people in seven houses in the village of Dhokran Chack while they slept. government officials said yesterday.

Snow and rain hampered rescuers, who managed to recover only eight bodies. There were no reports of survivors in the

The mountainous site, close to the military control line dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan, is just over a mile from a hamlet where an avalanche killed at least 35 people on Friday night. Mohammed Akram Sohall, deputy commis-sioner in Muzaffarabad, the regional capital, said helicopters — unable to reach the village yesterday because of a snow storm - would be sent today, weather permitting. There were no plans to evacuate the area. — Reuter. Muzaffarabad.



The Government knows how to deal with disaffected children when they grow up. Put them in prison. But in schools, where the trouble starts, we do the opposite: we chuck them out. **Edward Bond** 

# Taipei shops for US arms

Martin Walker

AIWAN told the United States yesterday that it wants to spend \$4.8 billion new American weapons, including submarines and anti-ship and anti-aircraft missiles. The request, coming in the middle of the Chinese military manoeuvres off Taiwan, could sharpen China's inclination to confront the island regime and add to Washington's policy dilemma. The Pentagon supports the

request on military grounds, and the state department opposes it as needlessly provocative to Beijing at a critical moment in US-Chinese relations. The final decision will have | thinks of that.

to be made by President Clinton, and may be deferred until after Taiwan's presidential election on Saturday.

Congress is expected to sup-port the sale. Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the foreign relations committee, and a majority of Republican congressmen have called on the White House to announce that it will use force to protect our democratic ally, Talwan, against bullying and aggression from Communist China". Taiwan has been outside the mainland's control for almost half a century. Beijing suspects that President Lee Teng-hui. Saturday's likely winner, aspires to formal in-dependence. Its missile tests close to the island and war games in the Taiwan Strait

are intended to show what it

remained tense yesterday. A foreign ministry spokesman in Bejing expressed his country's displeasure with the United States for "grossly interfering in China's internal affairs and for the brazen show of force" - a reference to Washington's decision to send two aircraft carriers to

The US naval task force nder, on the carrier Independence, said that the "could sail through the Tai-wan Strait" when it reaches Chinese waters this week.

The US defence secretary. William Perry, warned China against an attack on Taiwan. adding that the Americans had "the best damned navy in

the world". Taiwan formally handed

meeting yesterday with Kurt Campbell, deputy assistant offairs, and state department officials, at the offices of the American Institute in Taiwan — the nearest Taiwan has to an embassy since the US agreed to recognise the

regime in Beijing as the sole government of China.

The meeting takes place every year, but Talwan's insistence on pressing the arms request may be seen by Beij-ing as smacking of defiance at time of tension.

Taiwan is already one of the best customers for US weaponry. The first of 150 F-16 fighters are due for deliv-ery this summer under a \$5.8 billion contract agreed by President Bush in 1992.

anti-aircaft missiles which are to be delivered in 1998. Taiwan is now asking for six Type-209 submarines, of

German design but to be built marine aircraft, armed with more Harpoon missiles. The shopping list include: more than 300 Stinger shoulder-fired anti-aircraft

missiles for troops on the highly vulnerable islands of stock of Quemoy, Matsu and Wuchu missiles. each within 10 miles of the Chinese mainland.
Taiwan faces a significant

threat of naval blockade," ran the explanation in the formal aplication for the new sub-marines, adding that the ad-

The military situation over its arms request at a over \$200 million on US Her | vanced and silenced Germanpoon anti-ship missiles and in designed subs would give the island a "significant antiblockade capability"

Taiwan does indeed face the prospect of a blockade, which would be economically devastating to a country dependent in US shipyards, valued at on trade, but it is more likely about \$4 billion. It is also to be based on the threat of wants Orion P-3 anti-sub- missiles than the presence of Chinese surface ships sealing

Taiwan's ports.

Any new Taiwanese submarines would be a significant deterrent to a Chinese invasion, as would the new stock of Harpoon anti-ship

China has a fleet of 52 mainly elderly submarines, but has just taken delivery of two relatively advanced Rus-sian-built Kilo class attack submarines, and has two



Rescuers carry a body out of the charred ruins of the Manila disco that burnt down early yesterday, killing 150.

## Parents look for dead as Ramos orders disco fire investigation

Reuter in Manile

AGRIM-FACED President Fidel Ramos ordered a thorough investigation into the blaze in a Manila disco in which 150 perished, and threatened to have the club's owners arrested

"You better get the owners here for investiga-tion ... If any of them refuse, I order their arrest," the president told police of-ficers as he visited the

charred ruins yesterday. Many of those killed in the fire in the Ozone disco early yesterday, mostly teenagers celebrating the start of school holidays. were trampled as more than 300 people fought des-perately to reach the one door to the outside. They appeared to have suffocated before the flames got to them, firefighters said. The disco had no fire exit,

they said.

The cause of the blaze, which broke out just after midnight, is still being

investigated.

Police said only 85 corpses had been identified by late last night. Parents were still desperately trying to find out if their children were among the dead. They did not know where to search as bodies had been mortuaries in the city.

The grisly task was made more difficult by the lack of identifying jewellery and wallets, which officials had PHOTOGRAPH: ERIK DE CASTRO | removed to prevent looting.

# Whiff of adultery means death

In Pakistan's Sindh province, husbands who feel betrayed may turn swiftly into killers, writes **Suzanne Goldenberg** 

by a railway station in Bhai Khan Lashari village, not even her mother cried for her. "We are satisfied with this murder," said Dadli Lashari, cradling Najma's 18-month-old daughter. "This is our culture and our tradition."

Najma, in her early twenties, was shot dead by her husband, Bilawal Lashari, along with a 15-year-old neighbour, Ashraf Lashari, earlier this month. Bilawal broke both of Ashraf's arms first, and then turned himself in to police. The two were accused of

karo-kari, or illicit sexual relations, and though this village of 200 huts, in which everyone is related, would ordinarily be in mourning, the shame attached to their leaths is too great. Instant killings of suspected

Serge Schmemann

HEN his warriors

proposed that David should become king

of Israel, the Bible recounts, they threw a feast

that lasted three days, with

"meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and

wine, and oil, and oxen.

Using that as a rough guide, Zachl Becker, pro-gramme director for Jeru-

salem 3000 — the year-long festival marking roughly

3,000 years since King

David made Jerusalem his

capital - decided to create

an equally lavish feast. of Puymirol.

and sheep abundantly".

HEN Najma Lashart's other parts of Pakistan. In corpse was discovered in a wasteland luchistan, where the literacy rate among women is as low as 0.8 per cent, there are two such killings a day. And until recently there was little public concern about karo-kari

word for black.
Sometimes a woman's life is spared if she manages to flee to the home of the tribal may be even crueller; she be-comes the chieftain's prop-erty, a servant or an unwilling wife to one of his relatives.
Ashraf, aged 15, was one of

only a dozen boys in the vil-lage of 3.000 to make it to secondary school. His family keeps his text books among their most prized possessions. His school identification card bears the only photo they A composition he wrote in

king would enjoy if he were

The equivalent of the bib-

lical feast would include

the finest disbes in the

world, he decided. And all

So 13 great chefs pre-

pared what may have been

the most elaborate kosher

meal ever cooked — at least

since David's three-day

It was a 12-course feast

ranging from a truffled

cream of white beans with smoked goose breast by

Joel Robuchon of Paris to a

strawberries by another French chef, Michel Trama

gelée of acacia honey with

around today.

would be kosher.

extravaganza.

in examinations and he is very good at cricket," Ashraf wrote in a careful hand a few

days before his murder.
There are three versions of the tragedy. Najma's mother, who spoke under the watchful gaze of Bilawal's uncle, said

'I have never heard of a karo-kari accused being

sent to the gallows' her daughter was kidnapped by Ashraf when she took her baby to a doctor in Dadu

Bilawal's family said the two were running off together to Karachi, but inexplicably dallied at the railway station

for two days before making their escape. their escape.

Ashraf's family said they had gone off in a truckful of women and girls to attend a structure of the normal funeral rites. Ashraf's family said they had gone off in a truckful of

on Monday evening by 300

people chosen solely on the basis of their readiness to fork out \$600 (£400) and keep their mobile phones

switched off for the five

For most of the chefs

cooking food fit for royalty

was nothing new. But none

of them is Jewish, and none

had any previous experi-ence in the complexities of

Jewish dietary laws. The

biggest challenge was to re-

create their masterpieces

without dairy products, which in a kosher meal can-

So with hours to go be-

fore the sound of timbrels

not be mixed with meat.

hours the dinner lasted.

The cream of cooks keep it kosher

would be sunction motive for murder. "My daughter's life was normal," said Dadli. "Why did she spend time in Ashraf's company? Why did she go with him to the wed-ding? In the Lashari Baluch tribe, we can't oppose tradition."

Other villagers believe in Ashraf's innocence, arguing that his youth and his relative poverty compared to Bliawal's family made him an unlikely rival for Najma's

affections. Shabir Shaikh, the police chief of Dadu district, said: "I have never heard of the being taken to the gallows. Mostly they are punished for two to three years and then come out of jail."

The police are often reluc-tant to intervene at all in cases of karo-kari because they have such strong com-munity sanction.

dairy creams and glazes.

Chef Gualtiero Marchesi of Erbusco, Italy, was pre-paring his risotto with saf-

fron - but without parme-

Watching over them all was Rabbi Yosef Fink,

charged with enforcing the

san. Nearby, the Cajun chef Paul Prudhomme was put-ting the finishing touches

The feast was devoured the 300 diners to the feast, on Monday evening by 300 the masters experimented with margarines and non-

and harps would summon ens. - New York Times.

# A violent search Nadeem, gives an indication of what the alleged lover in this triangle was like. "Nadeem is my best friend because he always comes first in examinations and he is

Chris McGreal in Bukavu

"IVE central African presidents are recording a video appeal in another desperate attempt to persuade nearly 2 million Rwandan refugees to go home. The ap-peal, to be shown from the backs of lorries in refugee camps, was made at the end of a summit in Tunis hosted by Jimmy Carter, the former United States president.

It is doubtful that the video will be much more than a novelty. Rwanda's Hutu refugees view most of the cast with hostility. They believe the presidents of their own country, Zaire and Uganda would just as willingly see them dead. Burundi's Hutu head of state is viewed as a Tutsi collaborator; Tanzania's president is new and uncnown to the refugees.

But the appeal will reaffirm the growing insecurity that has swept refugee camps along Zaire's eastern border amid repeated warnings of forced closure. The threats have helped fuel a violent search for safer ground by members of the defeated Hutu army and the Interahamwe militias which led to the genocide of Rwanda's Tutsis

nearly two years ago. Hutu extremists have pushed out from the camps around Goma, taking advantage of inter-ethnic conflict to the north in an attempt to carve out new settlements. To the south, around Bukavu, where much of Rwanda's defeated army is camped, soldiers have intertwined with ting the finishing touches burundi's increasingly to his "medallions of veal effective Hutu militias — par-Hazrey" — a dish he usually makes with pork and Defence of Democracy (FDD), cream. minister, Leonard Nyangoma, Although both groups view themselves as pursuing a disciplines of kashrut, the common cause against Tutsi-

dans. The FDD has bought guns and ammunition from the defunct Rwandan army, and from stocks seized by Zaire when the Hutu military

fled its homeland in 1994. For their part, Rwandan soldiers such as Joseph Nyandwi eye Burundi as a potential base if they are forced from Zaire. "The Burundians are our allies. They are fight-ing what we are fighting so we help them with guns and some Rwandans fight with them," he said.

Rwandan Hutus from the Goma camps have no third country as an alternative. Instead they are exploiting a longstanding conflict in the Masist province in support of Zaire's ethnic Hutus. The Rwandans have helped turn it into one of the bloodiest con-frontations in Masisi by driv-ing out other ethnic groups in an attempt to create an exile

The fighting in Masisi and the Rwandan military's eyeing of Burundi is a tacit recognition by Hutu extremists that they have no immediate prospect of fighting their way back into Rwanda. This can also be seen in the differences in morale between Burundi's Hutu militias and the former

Rwandan army.

The FDD moves more freely inside Burundi than ever. In January it delivered an important psychological blow to the government by shutting down the capital's electricity and water supplies.

In contrast, Rwandan boasts of a swift return home

The closure of the camps would be a big blow. The exile leadership taxes businesses and residents to pay soldiers and bribe Zairean officials. The camps also keep alive the myths and bitterness on which another war can be

But the fighting in Masisi dietary laws, on those not dominated governments and accustomed to taking armies, Burundi's militias and Rwandan support for Burundi's militias are evidence orders in their own kitch- are more interested in obtaining weapons from the Rwan- not remove the threat of war.

Nationalism has been strengthened by the flight from Sarajevo, which was engineered by hardliners in Pale, writes Julian Borger

# Serb exodus exposes Nato's failure

terday morning. the city of Sarajevo was reunified after early four years as a divided battleground. Bosnian police walked into the last sector under Serb separatist control: an ugly district of crumbling, deserted, high-rise flats called

For most Sarajevans it was a moment to celebrate. Thousands could return to pre-war homes and Grbavica's tower blocks, once infested with snipers, were robbed of their awful menace. It is safe to walk through the city centre

But the new Sarajevo has little in common with the prewar city - a truly cosmopoli-tan capital, whose residents identified more with each other than with their ethnic roots. The jigsaw pieces have been put back together, but

unrecognisable. There are now only 11,000 Serbs in the horseshoe of suburbs around the capital (less than a tenth of the pre-war figure). This is a disaster, not only for nostalgic liberals. It is a crushing blow to hopes that Nato can pull out of Bos-nia at the end of this year leaving behind a workable peace settlement.

succeeded in silencing the guns and separating the armies. But the Dayton peace plan also envisaged the rein-tegration of the country and the construction of a stable democracy. The Serb exodus, together with the widening rift in the Muslim-Croat Federation, has put those objec-tives even further beyond

In the worst-case scenario. I-FOR, the Nato implementation force, will leave behind a country of three ethnic blocs:

six o'clock yes | the war that the picture is | each led by nationalists bent | on a second war for revenge and economic control, each with its own foreign backers.

I-FOR began its year-long mission determined to deal only with strictly military issues. The narrow interpretation of the mandate proved both inappropriate and inef-fective. The Bosnian conflict was not just a shooting war. It was also a war of ethnic cleansing, carried out with cans of petrol and matches, at police checkpoints, through propaganda, and in late night visits by thugs in balaclavas.

Sixty thousand peacekeep-ing troops stopped the first war, but not the second. The exodus from Sarajevo was, on the whole, a case of Serb-on-Serb ethnic cleansing. The separatist leadership in Pale tried to engineer mass panic at the prospect of Federation rule, and thousands who

out by threats and firebombs.

Bosnian war crimes suspects held | of Sarajevo will strengthen the hand of Muslim nationalists

OUICE in Austria and | Hague and by authorities in Germany have arrested two Bosnian nationals susagainst Serbs, the Austrian interior ministry said

Both men are wanted by the international war crimes tribunal in The victims. - Reuter.

and the fires in the remaining spread out of control, that I-For made its presence felt, searching vehicles and detaining arsonists.
I-FOR's aloof approach

the suburbs will return to haunt it. The Serb exodus from Sarajevo is already being used as an excuse by

rump Yugoslavia, a minis-try spokesman said.

A Dutch official con firmed they were arrested at the tribunal's request. If first suspects charged for war crimes against Serb

For nearly three months, the Pale leadership for block. I-FOR refused to get involved. It was only last week, when 50,000 Serbs had already left Srpska". ing the return of Muslim and Srpska". Meanwhile the 25,000 Serbs

who remained loyal to the Bosnian government through-out the war are feeling increasingly isolated. Many non-Muslims are planning to leave the capital. So are secular Muslims who young, secular Muslims who feel the ideals for which they fought are being betrayed.

in the governing Party of Democratic Action (SDA). who did little to prevent the Serb departure. Party hardliners have already driven out moderates like the ex-prime minister. Haris Silajdzic.

While the "Republika Srpska" drifts towards secession, the already sour Federation is separating like curdled milk. Croat refugees are being dissuaded by national-ists in the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) from resettling in predominantly Muslim areas east of the River Bosna.

Mostar remains as divided as ever. Croat and Muslim forces have come close to confrontation in the western town of Kulen Vakuf, and checkpoints have sprung up between Muslim and Croat pockets in central Bosnia. Ominously, a senior British

him of early 1993, just before the eruption of a 10-month Muslim-Croat war. If I-FOR were to leave now, many be lieve a new internecine conflict would be inevitable.

There is some hope that elections scheduled to take place by September will curb the power of the nationalists and halt the slide towards partition. However, it is far from clear that a poll can be arranged in the next six months which would provide Bosnians with a genuine al-ternative to the nationalists. who have a grip on the media in all three communities.

three nationalist parties and their determination to form ethnically homogeneous fiefdoms, there was arguably lit-tle I-FOR could have done to stem the drift towards partition. But it is hard to avoid the conclusion that the force officer said this week that the failed to use its considerable

present situation reminded I muscle to full effect in an area widely recognised as crucial to the reconstruction of a multi-cultural society.

"Sarajevo — that is where our hope lies," said a senior Nato planner a few weeks ago. He argued that ethnic partition would trigger a struggle for territory. The landlocked Muslims, rearmed with substantial US assistance, would be sorely tempted to break out of their

narrow confines.
With this in mind, Nato is planning for life after I-FOR The force commander, Admiral Leighton Smith, spoke publicly last week about a smaller joint task force. Defence analysts say the force would still require US support for satellite communica-tions and air power, but suffi-cient numbers of US ground forces could be withdrawn to satisfy American voters that the country was not being sucked into a morass.

# Kohl pins hopes on euro

lan Traynor in Bonn

HANCELLOR Hel-mut Kohl of Ger-many said yesterday that any delay in launching the proposed single European currency would be catastrophic for his country and would thwart his ambitious scheme to halve the unemployment rate by the end of the century.

Accusing the British media of "absurd distortion" of a recent speech in which he described European political union as a matter of war and peace, he reiterated his strongly-held view that European federation was a "question of destiny" and the most important issue of our times. Any setback to the single currency project would dam-age his real aim, which is to

push towards European polit-There is no political union without currency union," he said. "That was the fundamental difference between we don't make our contribution to European unity, we will have failed before his-



is no longer master of the helpless facing the impact of its own wrong economic and financial policies'

Speaking just over a week a conference to map out the future shape and powers of the union, Mr Kohl made it plain that he was seeking meet the terms. tic economic and employmen woes in his integrationist

schemes for Europe. The single currency is due to be launched at the beginning of 1999. Next year's eco-nomic performances will dewhich countries are fit to join.

German unemployment is soaring to post-war highs, through the 4-million mark and heading towards 5 mil- economic recovery are be expelled as quickly as lion. This, combined with pinned.

The government situation. It is left

Oskar Lafontaine

budget and revenue problems, is making it increas-ingly doubtful whether Germany, the strongest backer of the single currency, will itself

"If currency union fails be-cause of Germany, that would have catastrophic consequences for us," he said. The main risk was that the foreign exchanges, in the absence of a common currency, decided yesterday to deport would seek a safe haven in the German mark, causing it to gain further in value against the dollar and hurting ing 40 police, were injured. The cabinet decided that the mark | the slender nopes of

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Earlier this year Mr Kohl outlined plans to halve unemployment to 2 million by the turn of the century, though it is a rare independent analyst who expects him to succeed.

that currency union was criti-cal to Germany's economic prospects, the opposition Social Democrats accused the chancellor of having lost control of his own policies.
"Mass unemployment,

billions missing in the budget, uncertainty over the future of pensions — all this shows that the government is no longer the master of the situation. It is left helpless facing the impact of its own wrong economic and imanfrom the SPD leadership said. Oskar Lafontaine, the party

leader, accused the govern-ment of paralysis and reluctance to take the tough decisions needed to get to grips with the jobs crisis.



Farmers and the bells . . . Thousands of farmers march through Athens shaking cow bells PHOTOGRAPH: ARIS SARIS and chanting slogans as they call for higher EU produce prices.

miles north of Colombo last weekend, killing at least eight

people and wounding 55, a Tamil newspaper said yester-

day. The army denied the

# Malian refugees occupy church Alex Duval Smith in Paris

OUR hundred refugees facing expulsion yesterday occupied a parish church in Paris to protest at the toughening of immigra-tion procedures.

The occupation - in which demonstrators could at any moment be led to airports for French interior minister, Jean-Louis Debré, is set to create new restrictions.

The refugees who on Mon day morning entered the church of Saint-Ambroise in central Paris, are calling only for their own cases to be considered urgently, and want a mediator from the interior

ministry to be appointed. The refugees spokesman Sambake Mahamadou, a 40-year-old builder, said: "My ther are those of most people here. We are tired of living in breaking my door down and eading me to the airport. Like Mr Mahamadou, most

of the refugees are originally from Mali and have seen their residence status alter with the immigration law reforms of successive governments.

A French interior ministry spokesman refused to indi-cate whether a mediator would be appointed. Yesterday afternoon there were rumours riot police had been

ordered to clear the church. The parish priest, Jean-Pierre Caveau, showed only reluctant support. He said: "The demonstrators' distress leserves to be taken into account but we have to be able to ensure their safety and that

of churchgoers." Mr Mahamadou said: "Every bour, new people are arriving. It is happening by word of mouth. The more of us there are, the better we shall be able to resist."

Among the changes in immigration law expected will be the creation of a list of the hosts who sponsor newly ar-rived immigrants. According to the newspaper Libération, the hosts will be compelled to take out private insurance policies for their visitors.

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## News in brief

## New danger at Chernobyl

seeping from around the Chernobyl nuclear plant into uncontaminated areas through the groundwater, Kostyantin Rudya, Ukraine's first deputy environment minister, warned yesterday. "A slow but steady 'leak' of caesium and strontium is coming from the Pripyat river, located right next to the Chernobyl plant, into the Dniepr basin," he said. Nearly two-thirds of the population

while in a coma had a prema-

ture baby on Monday in what

Machinegun deal gets its drinking water from the Dniepr river, which runs the length of Ukraine. — AP. Singapore and Malaysia agreed yesterday to step up cooperation in their defence in-Coma birth dustries and study a joint venture to produce 12.7mm A woman who was raped ammunition for machineguns.

### doctors believe is the first case production of larger calibre mmunition. - AP. of someone becoming pregnant and giving birth in Poll date in India chronic vegetative state. The 2ib 11oz boy was born natu-

India's Election Commission rally and appeared to be doing well, a doctor said. The announced yesterday that voting will begin on April 27 for a new government. It said vot-ing will be held on April 27, mother was unchanged. — AP. Refugees killed May 2, 7 and 21 to allow secu-

The deal paves the way for

today. - AP.

## US radio broadcasts to Cuba 'shaped by hardline exiles'

ADIO MARTI, the United States government to broadcast to Cuba, is unduly influenced by hardline Cuban exiles, according to converse close to an investigation. Islamist re-elected Voters in Sudan elected the government's supposed emi-nence grise, Islamic cleric Hassan Turabi, and several government ministers to the new parliament, according to sources close to an investi-gation by the inspector-gen-eral of the US information initial returns announced yesterday. First results in the presidential race are expected agency (USIA), Marian Bennett

Political pressure has resulted in unbalanced news broadcasts and improper promotion and demotion of staff, according to agency documents and officials.

A number of employees have pointed to Jorge Mas Canosa, head of the Cuban American National Foundation and chairman of Radio Marti's advisory panel, as the source of the

pressure. Mr Mas Canosa, who lives in Miami, favours steppedup American efforts to top-ple Fidel Castro's regime. The investigation is near-

ing completion at a time of turnoil inside the station Sri Lankan helicopter gun-ships fired on a group of 590 million registered vot-Tamil refugees in a camp 160 ers. — AP. castro. Congress is legislat-Castro. Congress is legislat-

ing to move Radio Marti from Washington to South Florida, a move which critics say would increase the control of anti-Castro Cuban-American leaders such as Mr Mas Canosa.

Critics say they fear the station's credibility will suffer if it is seen as being the instrument of Cuban The Miami community's considerable influence on

coverage of American policy toward Cuba drew complaints last year from Joseph Duffey, head of the USIA, and Joseph Sullivan, head of the US diplomatic mission in Havana.

Ms Bennett's investigation, which began more tion, which began more than 18 months ago, has been prolonged because some of the subjects, including Mr Mas Canosa, have refused to co-operate.

The investigation began in 1994 when Bruce Sherward Podio Marific departs

man, Radio Marti's deputy director, was stripped of much of his authority after complaining about Mr Mas Canosa's influence over the station's news director, Augustin Alles, - Baltimore

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# Making the CAP fit at last

Don't use the agriculture underspend for tax cuts

ing under control then it won't be long before pigs start flying (and without subsidies). Yet this remarkable event the fall in spending, not the pigs — seems at long last to be happening. According to our report today, a confidential paper being presented to the European Commission states that underspending in the EU farm budget could total more than £3.6 billion over the next three years.

This has happened as a result of movements in world prices, the reforms agreed to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in 1992 and the GATT reforms outlawing export subsidies. This underspend is still pretty small beer compared with the EU's total budget of over £50 billion a year but it is a giant stride in the right direction. The CAP used to be a rollicking success when it turned Europe's post-war food shortage into a surplus but for the past couple of decades it has been an increasing political and economic embarrassment. It evolved into a ludicrous system which encouraged farmers to garner open-ended EC subsidies by producing mountains of cereals and other foods which no one in the industrialised world wanted — and hardly any of which found its way into starving Third World mouths. Worse than that, the EU seemed unable to sublimate the energies — and the cash — of the CAP into something else which could enthuse people, particularly the young. with hope for the future of the whole

Now that the grain mountains have fallen and the milk lakes subsided, it ought to cut some of the ground away from the Eurosceptics — especially as the annual cost to Britain (in net contributions) of EU membership has now

IT IS a common presumption that if when it averaged several hundred Europe ever gets its agricultural spend- pounds a head and in terms of the league table it places Britain behind seven other EU countries including France and Germany. But instead of pouring balm on the debate about EU membership, the fall in spending is more likely to re-ignite it. The Government, pressurised by its Eurosceptic flank, will demand that "our" surplus is returned to the UK so it can be recycled as tax cuts, preferably before the next election while the Commission will want the underspend on agriculture to

be diverted to other European projects.
In this case the Commission is dead right. The antiquated CAP still gobbles up half of the EU's £57.4 billion total budget. What Europe urgently needs now is to improve its transport and technological infrastructure so it can technological infrastructure so it can boost employment and improve its long-term competitiveness with the rest of the world. This is far more important than attempts to shoehorn every country into monetary union, no matter how noble that may be as an uitimate end. If the EU could repeat its early success with the CAP in other early success with the CAP in other areas it could rekindle flagging Euroidealism and give member countries something new to work towards. But to do this the EU must work out a proper long-term exit strategy from the excesses of the CAP and ensure that never again will it or its successor be permitted to devour so much of Europe's

resources in such a profligate way.

The CAP will always have a special place in the history of European unity.

For a long time it proved that Europe could be greater than the sum of its parts. But in recent years feeding off its parts. But in recent years, feeding off its own excesses, it has become a symbol of all that is wrong with pan-European cooperation. That is why Europe must continue to recycle CAP money into fallen to only £16 per capita. This is a dramatic reduction from 10 years ago other European priorities. That battle has only just begun.



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mentary, March 19), add a wel-come electoral-reform dimension to Tony Blair's constitutional agenda. Although it does not satisfy

Letters to the Editor

proportional-representation purists, the AV is the only sys-tem which retains the existing single-member constituencies which are still valued by voters. The other PR options require either monster constituencies or centralised party lists or an awkward combination of constituency-and list-based MPs, all of which break the vital demo-cratic principle of local

accountability.

There are good precedents for Tony Blair. Labour supported AV around and after the first world war and carried it through the Commons in 1931 before it fell in the Lords. It is used in the Austra-lian House of Representatives. It is simple: rather than placing a mark against a single name, each voter num-bers the candidates listed in order of preference (eg 1st: Labour; 2nd: Liberal; 3rd

Shells fired

over Taiwan

JOHN GITTINGS (One China too many, March 12)

implicitly holds President

Lee's idea of dual represents

tion in the UN and his visit to

the United States responsible

for China's recent military

This statement is unfair and misleading. There are

precedents of parallel repre-sentation for the two Ger-manys in the past and for the

two Koreas now. Like China, Germany was divided along a sharp ideological line and de-

sired eventual reunification. Germany has achieved it,

proving that parallel repre

sentation does not hinder

respected and protected.

Calvin Chen.

London SW1W 0EB.

exercises near Taiwan.

preference; there would be less geographical bias; it is easier to form majority gov-ernments than under PR; it

boundary changes; by-elec-tions are easy to organise.
Finally, it is also the only option the Commons would probably back, since MPs are hardly likely to vote them-selves out of their own seats. Peter Hain MP. House of Commons London SWIA 0AA

T IS good news that Labour and the LibDems look like they are co-operating over proportional voting. What is bad news though is the Alter-native Vote system.

Our party (as well as others like the Greens) will once again find it disproportionately difficult to secure representation for our rights of the control of sentation for our views, even though we achieved up to 6 per cent in the seats we con-tested at the 1994 Euro-elec-tions. Surely the way forward

HE Alternative Vote fairer than first past the post is for all political parties to would as Hugo Young each MP would have to secure agree to an independent rightly argues (Com- at least 50 per cent of the vote; review of the voting system. at least 50 per cent of the vote; there is less scope for "wasted" votes because electors could state their real first preference; there would be agree to an independent review of an independent review of what they are naid supplied to an independent review of what they are naid supplied to an independent review of the voting system. they get their jobs. Paul Macdonald.

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UGO YOUNG underesti ternative Vote system. Of course, it is not strictly pro-portional, but it does have portional, but it does have two additional advantages. The need for tactical voting is removed — it would be auto-matic. And voters can vote for their preferred first choice without fear of letting their least favoured candidate win by default. These two factors would increase votes for miwould increase votes for mi-nority parties, which could then build on that support. I. along with many other party members, think Tony Blair

should give active support. David Thomas. Bryn Coed, Brymbo Road,

## Post-Dunblane, we should be gunning for the arms trade

HAVE held a firearms certificate for vermin control for nearly 30 years (Letters, March 18). Up to and immediately after Hungerford, the police visited you one month before the expiry of the certificate. They inspected the rifle icate. They inspected the rifle and, after Hungerford, inspected the steel locker in which the weapon(s) and am-munition were kept. This gave them an opportunity to assess you afresh. If all was

well, you received a certifi-cate valid for three years.
When I renewed my fire-arms certificate three years ago, no firearms officer came to inspect my firearm and the conditions of use had been changed to allow me to use it on any land which the police have approved as safe, provid-ing I had the permission of the landowner. Name and address supplied.

WHAT an eerie, tragic, nerve-chilling juxtaposition of front-page articles (March 19): "Nation stops to mourn ... The Queen knelt and shops fell silent for the dead of Dumblane" alongside "GEC in £5bn Middle East arms deal". Was this astonishing lateral thinking and editing? Or just an accidental editing? Or just an accidental arrangement of news items on arms and slaughter? (Rev) Philip Seddon. World Christianity, Selly Oak Colleges

Birmingham B29 6LQ. ACCEPT that if a mentally umbalanced person sets out to commit murder, there is very little that society can do

in their homes. Even service-men are not allowed to keep their weapons unless in an operational situation. Does a farmer really need a shotgun at hand 24 hours a day to keep pigeons off his seed. The situ-ation is being looked at from the wrong angle. People should be obliged to demonstrate a need to keep a gun in their homes. Once they have been authorised, there must be regular checks. Weapon manufacturers could also be brought into the monitoring process — all weapons have serial numbers and their whereabouts should be tracked and reported to the police. Guns are designed to

such. D J Skillman. 16 Jenner Road. Guildford. Surrey GU1 3PP.

As politicians seem to agree that arms should be de-commissioned in Northern Ireland, does that mean that most of the 100,000 licensed guns held there are going to be handed in? And does any body know why 10 per cent of ireland have gun licences when police forces in the resi of the UK have issued licences to some 250,000 people, a frac-tion of one per cent of the

Seán Goodsir-Cullen. 176 Latymer Court. to prevent it, but I do not ac- | London W6 0NS.

## Graffiti artist is written off

letter from Angela Noble, mother of Simon Sunderland (March 16), claiming that her son carried out most of his work" on derelict and now demolished sites and "out of

the way places".

I live in the suburbs of northern Sheffield and there appears to be scarcely a bus, street or bus shelter that her son has not "worked" on. Most of us take a pride in our city (and appreciate art) but the sight of her son's tag scribbled across our personal and communal property has been intolerable, not to men-tion the fact that our council tax could have been better spent than cleaning up the

eyesores he left. I have a son of my own. I Whitehouse Road am trying to raise him to have respect for his commu-Sheffield \$6 2WB.

WAS interested to read the | nity, environment and other people's property
Perhaps if Simon Sunder-land had been taught these lessons he might now be at art college instead of in prison. As it is, the prison sentence, fair or not, hope-

> Hilary Law. **Bourne Road** Sheffield \$5 7UE

fully will dissuade from such vandalism.

SIMON Sunderland is quoted as saying that his so-called work gave him a warm glow when his work

was seen by millions. Well, it gives me a warm glow to know that he won't be doing it for a while. Nicola Watson. Whitehouse Road,

## When it's worth waking up

patients concerned, or their relatives. Much depends surely upon the progress they

brain-damaged musician. It may be worse to become aware of one's situation, if it is desperate. This report may provide ammunition for the pro-life movement and thereby thwart the hopes of terminally ill patients of a dignified death. A M Young.

regained consciousness he would have physical disabil-ities that would add to his torment, there was no problem. The artificial feeding and the drugs were stopped: after all, who wants to bother with a badly-behaved psychiatric case who kept trying to do himself in? Name and address supplied.

## Wells done

CONGRATULATIONS on your scoop (Lost in time, H G Wells's secret life-saver. March 18) about H G Wells's invention of the ammunition overhead railway of the 1914 war. But it is astonishing that the War Office patented his idea and used it without ever he died without knowing that he had saved many lives and helped the Allied war effort. Peter Lonsdale.

The H G Wells Society. 15 Dunsmure Road,

# A Country Diary

COLLEGE LAKE, CHIL- snipe probing the flooded TERNS: Only a few days till meadows that used to be the TERNS: Only a few days till the official first day of spring and even the south-facing slopes of College Lake can boast nothing more season-ally portentous than a few coltsfoot. College Lake, in the Chilterns, began life as a chalk quarry, long before the days of planning regulations. About 10 years ago, the owners, Castle Cement, allowed one of the employees to create a small marshy reserve in one corner of the naturally flooded excava-tions. The project took off and, now the quarry has been abandoned, the reserve con-tains hundreds of acres of open water, marsh and grassland. The birds are remarkable, and often upstage those at the older Tring Reservoirs telling him, and very sad that next door. In various winters there have been red kites. peregrines, and short-eared ures, they are more mundane, | will sell College Lake. but still heartening. I count 10

quarry floor. There is a scat-ter of wintering wildfowl teal, wigeon, gadwall - and flashes of kingfisher. In a few weeks' time, common terms will be arriving to nest on the mud islands in the lake. It is the topography itself that I find most extraordinary. College Lake is a chimera, a landscape hybrid, a fen halfway up a chalk hill. Yet de-spite these ancient echoes and deep roots, its future isn't secure. The company have just closed another quarry nearby, and, maybe feeling they have done their bit for conservation, want to exploit it as a landfill site, despite the fact that the abandoned hole has already evolved spontaneously into a vast turquoise lagoon, alive with waders. The issue is halfway through a public inquiry, and the sanction ominously hanging in the wind is Castle Ceowls hawking over the rough grassland. Today, with a pearly sun and the temperature only just in double figure only just in doubl RICHARD MABEY

# **Grass and the whiff of hypocrisy**

Judge Michael Mott has brought the law into disrepute

citement" and the penalty twelve

Tony Newton, the Cabinet minister responsible for coordinating the antidrugs campaign said at the Customs press conference that Britain was now 'awash" with drugs. He added that to reduce the supply we had to reduce demand "especially among young

What could be more calculated to bring the law and warnings about drugs into disrepute among young people than the prosecution and jailing of someone whose offence was to produce a guide to the growing and harvesting of a plant? While our senior Customs officers warn of a heroin glut, our police officers are despatched to raid the village home of Michael Marlow, a man who has sold fewer than 500 copies of a book giving information that has been freely available in this country and throughout the world for many years. Surely a man who reduces the profits of drug dealers should be a hero? He is now despatched into a system, a third of whose inhabitants use drugs. for the purpose of punishment and "rehabilitation."

WHILE the Chief Investigations Officer | Ministers and senior police officers of Customs and Excise was announcing | routinely say that their aim is to target record seizures of heroin to journalists | the dealers of hard drugs rather than in London on Monday, another law the users of soft drugs. The figures tell a officer was making a rather different | rather different story. Of all arrests for pronouncement in Worcester crown drugs in the last annual figures, 83 per court. Judge Michael Mott was jailing a | cent were for cannabis offences. The man who had published a book on how lurking suspicion is that on these times to grow cannabls. The offence was "in- | of "performance indicators" within the police service soft drug users make a soft target.

But there are two other issues here: Mr Marlow was charged with "incitement." We have had the 1797 Incitement to Mutiny Act and the 1934 Incitement to Disaffection Act but who within the criminal prosecution service (CPS) deemed the production of a gardening book worthy of such treatment? If such a volume is now deemed so inflammatory, where does that place magazines and newspapers that have published the views of those who favour cannabis legalisation? Are we to see prosecutions of the Spectator and the Daily Telegraph? What about T-shirts with drug messages or ear-rings designed in the shape of cannabis leaves? Should they

now be seized? We all saw how swiftly Clare Short was shut up when she made the perfectly reasonable suggestion, during a television interview last year, of a debate on the laws regarding cannabis. Now we have moved into a world where a judge is ordering the incineration of a book on the subject. The pungent aroma that comes from this sorry bonfire is the strong whiff of hypocrisy.

# Claudio Abbado's classic weepies

Compilations represent popularisation, not compromise

CLAUDIO ABBADO may be a great conductor, but he is out of touch with the values of the recording industry. Mr Abbado, chief conductor of the mighty albums are compilations. As usual Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. is bringing a law suit against the Deutsche Grammophon record company. He wants to stop production of a collection of his performances of Mahler Adagios. Mr Abbado believes these slow movements should be heard as parts of complete symphonies, not all together on a compilation album.

This dispute epitomises the "qualipop" cultural debate in all the arts. When the left-wing Mr Abbado ran La Scala 20 years ago he took the company into the factories to bring opera to the workers. He has always been an opponent of cultural snobbishness. But popularisation Abbado-style means opening up the arts to the people. It does not mean compromising them to make them more popular.

Like it or not, that is not the world we live in. Mr Abbado should look at the classical charts. Almost all the top 30 "Various artists" has the number one slot (as well as twelve others in the 30). The discs have titles like Passion, Love, Tranquillity, Classic Weepies - and even Adagio, conducted by Herbert von

Karajan, a man with fewer scruples. Mr Abbado is a principled idealist. Yet he should not despair. The industry may be tacky, but records boost the wider audience. The success of the film Death in Venice (featuring the adagietto of Mahler's Fifth) boosted a market for Mahler which meant Mr Abbado could record all the symphonies. If a compilation disc allows more people to hear Mr Abbado's awesome rendering of the adagio of the Ninth, then the sum total of the world's experience will definitely have been increased not diminished.

Taiwanese election poster de-picting KMT presidential candidate Lee Teng-hui as the caped crusader deflecting mainland missiles. Not even Superman is infallible, however: for the record, the characters on the poster which you translated as "fighting one battle after another" are simply the name of Lee's run ning mate. Lien Chan, the current premier. Don Gasper. Grand Hyatt Hotel,

> WHEN Patrick Wintour dictated over the telephone his copy from the Lib-eral Democrat Nottingham conference (Labour's 'thought police' attacked, March 18). abour's policies which "punish the sinner but ignore the sin" became those which punish the thinner but ignore the thin". Patrick and I may well both be technophobes, but I must scotch any rumour that the Liberal Democrats may be "thinnist". Judith Pryer. Head of Press. Liberal Democrats. London SW1A 0AA.

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# Why the Guardian is so wet

UST as in Los Angeles, a building frenzy to sink nearly similar body of interested groups and individuals. The Friends of The Fleet, is battling to have London's second river, the Fleet, restored to the city (Creek freaks and an-glers plead for LA's forgotten river, March 18).

reunification or perpetuate divisions. Taiwan's desire to participate in the internaional community doesn't justify China's provocative mili-tary exercises. The basic human rights and dignity of the 21 million people of the Republic of China should be Director, Press Division, Taipei Representative Office. OUR front page (March 12) carries a photograph of a

We want to convert Far-

ringdon Road back into the course of the old Fleet River

the Fleet, by then no more than a large sewer, to an iron drain and bequeathed us Farringdon Road. Today this thoroughfare forms a depress-ing conduit for traffic from sad Kings Cross to the river of traffic which is today's Embankment. Yet, on days of low

tide and high rainfall, the Fleet can still be seen, as a vigorous discharge into the Thames. This need no longer be the case. We have the technology to bring back the River Fleet and, with it, a better quality of life to a burgeoning quarter of the city. Simon Rodway.

and in so doing create a waterway resembling an at-tractive Amsterdam canal street. After all, London is built around some 22 rivers, hroughout the middle and

all feeding into the River Thames as tributaries. The city's true character is considerably more watery than we might be led to believe from the evidence left us by Victorian engineers who, latter parts of the last cen-

The Lost Rivers of London, 22 Maclise Road, tury, were driven by a drain- London W14.

## OUR piece ('Vegetative' | nosed as such), and if h patient wakes up after seven years, March 16) fails to consider whether this is necessarily good news for the

make towards a good quality of life. Few, I imagine, would welcome a lifetime of communication "via a computer and a buzzer" as in the case of the

Cardiff CF4 5RH.

REMEMBER how easy it was for doctors to turn off my brother's life-support machine after his final bungled suicide attempt. It seems that because he suffered from a "severe mental iliness" (never before diag-

## Diary

Joanna Coles

S you may have read in the paper yester-day, my good friend Taki-George — who continues to impress by jotting weekly columns in between waiting tables down The Good Kebab — has an admi-rable nose for hypocrisy. Allow me, if you will, to indulge you with one such example: "Last week I read an interview with Lady Brocket and nearly threw up," he complains in this week's penyre. "I particularly like how she excused taking co-caine. She experimented when she was a model. Oh, is that what they call it ... Has this woman no shame?" Taki-G is quite right, of course: it is a lamentable excuse. When arrested at Heathrow with an envelope explanation was far more imaginative. As he told the

court before his trip to Pen-tonville: "I move in social

circles where cocaine is us

same way as the ordinary person would take wine."

at dinner parties in much the

OU might think that after the calamitons theft of Bob Monkhouse's joke file - which strangely has never resurfaced — the BBC would take the threat of intruders seriously. Worrying then to hear that Daisy Goodwin, editor of Home Front and the splendid Bookworm, had some difficulty arous ing any interest last week when she saw two intruders breaking and entering TV Centre. Goodwin immediately summoned the good officers of Rentokil, who curiously now provide the BBC with its security staff. Alas, instead of pursuing the strangers, the security staff rounded on Goodwin. Where, they growled, was her security pass? Goodwin apologised, she had left it at home, whereupon the offi-cers then folded their arms and embarked upon a lengthy lecture about secu-rity. Meanwhile, the two intruders escaped — the size of their stash unknown. The licence-payer can only marvel at such vigilance.

ORE exciting details have emerged about the top-secret lunch held recently at Chequers for Charles Moore and his Telegraph boys — including, naturally, my old friend Boris the Jackal Johnson. his uncle Frank and Dominic Lawson. No sooner had the luncheon of boiled potatoes, half a water-hily tomato, some wisps of iceberg lettuce and than the Prime Minister coughed politely and announced to the assembled hacks that he would "now tunity to make yourselves more comfortable". After some confusion, it soon be-came clear this was in fact an invitation to use the Chequers "facilities", to which each back would be accompanied by a Cabinet minister. It then transpired Mr Major had been warned the hacks might feign need of the bathroom and start snooping. The Diary ap-plands such precautions.

RIAN Leveson QC was arguing against an appeal for Rose-mary West yesterday. Pulling himself up to his full robed height, he grandly asked the court to consider the examples of "the Moors murders and the late Jeremy Thorpe".
"Ill, I think," corrected Lord Justice Taylor quickly. "But not dead."

AM sorry to hear my friend the playwright David Hare has turned a little petulant of late. Not only has he stamped his loafers and insisted his name be removed from the shortlist of the Lloyds Bank Playwright of the Year declaring somewhat pre-sumptously that the prize should go to a younger man hut he is now demanding his name be removed from the prize's promotional lit-erature. As Lloyds had already printed the shortlist before the great writer threw his wobbly, the bank has been forced to reprint everything at a cost of £25,000 - the same amount incidentally at the prize itself. No point in thinking what that could have done for a struggling writer.

LETTER sent to Taunton Post Office last month has been returned to its sender, Joan Cross. On the envelope was



# Time-bomb ticks away on the wards

## Commentary

## Will Hutton

NE OF Britain's largest employers is confronting a finan-cial crisis. Survival will demand massive restructuring, job losses, pay cuts and a major change in its modus operandi — unless the rules are changed fast. The problem is simple. The industry's income is static and outside its control; the demand for its products is ris-ing continuously; and its controlling shareholder has placed new and demanding fi-

This, extraordinarily, is the position of today's National Health Service. NHS Trusts are operating under a new accounting regime that has been scarcely discussed or ex-plored — but which is proving to be perhaps the most important element in the NHS reforms. Only last week the Health Secretary Stephen reforms. Only last week the Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell betrayed the growing alarm of insiders when he leg-

islated for the Government to stand behind the debts of an NHS Trust if it is wound up an action forced on him by the deterioration in the trusts' finances. Potential private-sector partners were running scared The heart of the problem is

that the trusts have an impos-sible financial framework. Just like British Rail of yore or the Post Office, the trusts are expected to make a return of 6 per cent on their assets from "doing business" as hospitals. On top they have to service their arbitrarily allocated debt and make a divi-dend payment to the Govern-ment as their shareholder. An organisation that used to operate as an arm of gov-ernment has been turned into

de facto public corporations

-- "corporatised" -- but with two additional and deadly stings. The assets on which NHS trusts have to make the 6 nancial obligations upon it.
No industry can survive the strain for long — and this will be no exception.

This, extraordinarily, is the resition of today's National pluses is barely growing in real terms. A benchmark for comparison is water privati sation. The water companies' assets were valued at £8.9 billion but they were gifted to them at a value of only £5.2 billion; £4.9 billion of debts

came lush profit centres. By contrast the poor NHS trusts have been saddled with £10.3 billion of assets without any concession over the valua-tion, no debts have been written off, and the growth of income is only marginally above inflation. Only the treatment of the universities rivals it for rank inequity and

But the impact on the run-ning of the trusts and their financial future is profound. As Dr Jean Shaoul of the University of Manchester's De-partment of Accounting shows in a fascinating work-ing paper, NHS Trusts — A Capital Way Of Operating trusts on average spend 86 per cent of their income on labour after they have paid for bought-in medical goods and services. What is left is the surplus which the trusts use to service their new ohliga-tions; the depreciation of the capital stock and the interest and dividends which are paid to the Government.

UT given the Phar-maceutical Price Regulation Scheme, under which drug companies are permitted to charge prices to give them 20 per cent rates of return, there is very little scope to generate any surplus from reducing the price of bought-in goods. The only place to look for sav-ings is to lower labour costs

shows by financially comparing the NHS trusts' performance with both the chief private hospital groups and some well-known British retailers. NHS trusts are retailers. NHS trusts are more than twice as efficient in adding value, after making outside purchases, as either Tesco or Trust House Forte, with even Marks & Spencer slightly lagging. As for hospitals, the trusts are again twice as efficient as Bupa — so that only General Healthcare Hospitals, on her calculations, can match them. can match them.

In any case private hospi-tals are smaller and do not on current spending plans provide the full range of acute-care treatment; they charge premium rates for less cial crisis — from which there are only two logical responses, given how far the reforms have now gone. The first is full privatisation, writing down the trusts' assets and expensive operations, thus boosting their income and lowering their costs simulta-neously. Yet so efficient have relieving them of their debts as with other privatisations. As unencumbered private NHS trusts become in raising patient throughputs and bid-ding down the wages of firms they could then sell their services to health users nurses, administrative and clerical staff, they have raised their financial efficiency who would pay using private insurance. If would be the end ratios above those of private hospitals and retailers alike. of the NHS and the dream of But, crazily, the new ac-counting system makes it ever harder to improve on that efficiency. If a trust universal free health proviof raising extra resources and staving off disaster. wants to restructure by clos-ing down a ward, for example, under the rules it still has to and so preserve its character. The accounting rules would make returns on the now debe reconfigured, income boosted and the trusts given to invest in new equipment it risks its income not being raised commensurately by the Treasury so that it has to powers to borrow indepen-dently as self-governing corearn returns on a higher as porations. But the one option base but with less proportionate income. The only way out

is to turn hospitals more and

more into sweat shops, con-tracting out services where possible, discharging patients early and preferring to treat acute short-stay cases rather

NHS Trusts -- A Capital Way Of Operating, by Dr Jean Shaoul, Dept of Accounting and Finance University of Manchester,

that is impossible is to main-

tain the status quo.

showed that on a composite measure of financial stability

73 out of England's 419 trusts

Shaoul warns that as the prop-erty market revives, increas-

ing the value of NHS assets, there is a mechanical upward

ratchet on the returns they are required to make - but

their income is hardly rising.

Thus the next government.

will confront a looming finan-

sion; but it would be one way

The second is to modify the reforms, raise taxation and

increase the NHS's resources,

outside Rhodesia, we took sol-ace in the power of our beat groups. Meanwhile the Bea-tles stamped their authority on a world changing from military service to flower power in less than a generation. Carnaby Street waxed as gentle men's clubs waned.

Today Britain's influence is considerable. Winning on our own in the Falklands, and helping the US to win in the Gulf, re-established some bride. English is barnstorming its way to becoming the world language.

In the world of Coke and

Hollywood, is there any room for a distinctive British as opposed to American culture? Aren't we now just a tourist attraction in the world mar-ket, a home for Beefesters, the Tower of London and Hampton Court? Aren't we fast approaching the time when in the debate on the NHS, which the world theme park the ages | ran heavily against the Govand times will blur, as Beatle music, Churchill, Shakespeare and the two princes of the Tower all come to reside in that dead world of the past?
I do not think so. There is still a lively cultural heart ticking away in the UK. I see it in the new beauty of our modern brick buildings, now we have thrown off the mechanical ug-liness of Le Corbusier and the

French concrete tradition.

I see it in the village Hampdens who want to keep the cricket pitch and the field on the edge of their settlement free of more bulldozers. I see it in the strength of British drama, film, music and TV. We have absorbed fast food, westerns and jeans like every-where else, but we have added our own distinctive British humour. Where once British engineers built bridges and railways for an empire and beyond, today British soft-ware designers make CDs and discs for the world's Internet. Blur's mordant criticism of modern foibles in sleazy language is part of our times. Mr Robinson, the quango king, is a dirty dealer with an expensive car. Even I can work out that this group is not too en-amoured of the Conservative cause. I am not sure they would be too happy with Tony

Blair either. I apologise to the Lightning Seeds for taking their lyrics in vain: to them I have only one message — be lieve that all publicity is good publicity. Smile: you're in the I'm off to listen to Handel's water music. Now there is real

## and improving the flow of patients through the hospital—or alternatively to lower the payroll and wage rates. Yet the NHS is far from inefficient, as Jean Shaoul social and public healthcare In praise of spooks and social and public healthcare provision". And even so the financial position of the trusts is weak eunuchs and weakening. Last week, for example, the financial con-sultancy C4 Consulting



David McKie

NE HESITATES to lavish praise on the House of Lords when it spends so much time praising itself; but it has to be said that in recent weeks it has spec-tacularly out-performed the Commons. Within three weeks we've had the Govern-ment's defeat, at the hands of Lady Hollis and allies, on the pension rights of divorced women: the House's endorse-ment of the public's right to watch great sporting occa-sions without subscribing to Sky; three cracking debates on the state of the NHS, the crisis in higher education, and the security services; and the routing of the Government's schemes for privatis-

ing Civil Service recruitment.
None of this is to justify the present composition of the Lords. There is something pleasingly awesome in the feebleness of the arguments recently marshalled in favour of preserving hereditary peers, especially that defence which claims that the Lords much more than the Commons represent a random cross-section of people, the young as well as the old. Try squaring that with the CVs of

the hereditaries, which be-tray for instance levels of at-tendance at Eton, and time spent hunting and shooting. difficult to reconcile with the life of the average Briton. It also overlooks the fact that half of the people of Britain are women. The hereditary principle as at present ap plied treats women as second class citizens, who must not succeed to anything while men can be found to do so. Given the chance, by a pri-vate member's bill from Lord plamond, to repudiate that principle, the House pre-ferred to stand by it. Life peers divided 23-16 in Lord Diamond's favour, hereditaries 58 to 16 against.

Nor have recent stirring events in the Lords owed ernment. 18 life peers, manv of whom came direct from the battlefield, contributed, against just three hereditares. In the debate on the universities, where virtually all the speeches came from people with expert knowledge and virtually all, bar the minister's, were bostile to the Government, 17 life peers spoke and five hereditaries, one of whom was the minister. The debate on the intelligence services, lit up by the contributions of one-time spooks like Lady Park of Mon-

nouth (see yesterday's Arena

page), featured eight life peers and two bereditaries, one of whom was the minister. In the Civil Service debate, 18 life peers, including a posse of former permanent secretar-ies, spoke, but just two hereditaries, one of whom was the minister. When it came to the vote, the hereditaries — at the end of a debate in which only one peer spoke in the Government's favour — backed it by 46 to 43. It was the life peers who ensured its defeat, 18 supporting the Government and 81 voting against it.

and strong against it.

Yet the quality of these debates has lessons for
reformers also. Speech after
speech came from people with
direct experience of the sectors they were discussing.
And much of this expertise
helmeed to people. belonged to people — the Lord Crohams and Lord Hunts of the Civil Service debate, the Lord Daintons and Lord Porters of that on the universi-ties — whom one wouldn't expect to be there in a wholly elected House. The justifica-tion for a second chamber should not be expressed sim-ply in terms of power. What the Lords, at its best, can offer is rather different: influence based on expertise — applied in debate, applied perhaps even more in Lords select committees, which command a collective clout which the Commons can rarely match. The last doomed attempt a

Lords reform, at the end of the sixties, proposed a twotier chamber: nominated life peers with the right to speak and vote, and others, includ-ing persisting hereditaries, without voting rights. That exercise was wrecked by a joint exercise involving Enoch Powell, and Labour MPs like Michael Foot who saw no merit in replacing the present arrangements by a chamber based entirely on patronage. "A seraglio of eu-nuchs" Foot called it. No second chamber can claim any true legitimacy unless it is based on election.

BUT those who favour election pure and simple have two diffi-culties to contend with. One is the clash which is bound to take place between any two chambers each of which has an equal claim to a democratic mandate. The other is the loss which could well occur once the Crohams and Daintons have lost their platform, and are forced to make do with Today and Newsnight. That was why years ago the Guardian proposed a two-tier Lords of a different kind; two-thirds directly elected, but with one-third of seats remaining for non-voting peers, to make the contribution which the best of the life peers do now.

Getting rid of the hereditar-ies is the easy, and easily justified, part of the exercise. Contriving a second chamber which does the work that a second chamber ought to be there for is a rather more

# There's always **England**

Pulp, Blur, the Lightning Seeds the phenomenon of Britpop has John Redwood hooked. It is typical of a distinct British culture that our politicians must defend

cott writing an article on how much he appre-ciates the Latin verse of Virgil, or Paddy Ashdown giving us the secrets of faithfulnes in marriage. I don't sing Oasis hits in the bath, nor do you catch me humming Super-grass behind the Speaker's chair in the hope that Clare

Short may be impressed.

Let me declare firmly in advance my lack of credentials. I do not admire middle aged trendies who pretend to a second teenage by strenuously enjoying modern stars. Nor do sympathise with time-warp trendies who think that their era was the *only* one, scorning all that has come after.

My generation was brought up on the Rolling Stones and Dave Dee, the Beach Boys and Jimi Hendrix. They served their turn then. I always preferred the Barron Knight they gently made fun of the whole thing. I am not sorry that the era of the Stones has passed. I didn't like them much in the 60s, and like them even less now. Yet today we have a number of good bands carrying the sounds of Britain around the world, just as they did in the 60s. Pulp are not in a different class.
You may be furning that

there can be no comparison between the here and now and the Beatles. It's true the Bea-

OR ME to be written they even received a mention might seem about as likely as John Presentation when that was still a great from the Times music critic when that was still a great privilege. The later Beatles did draw on musical tradi-tions with a versatility and enjoyment that was different. Their world of Desmond and Molly, of Sergeant Pepper, of Yellow Submarine and Abbey Road impressed itself on the subconscious of more than one generation.

Contemporary groups at their best capture more of that spirit. Mr Johnson's car getting its weekend shine with Lisa in the garden are reminiscent of Molly's singing and Desmond's market stall. The Lightning Seeds reassure us there is still an England under that English sky. There is a time and a place, here, for

iollification. Madonna may be giving some of you something to remember: the rest of us would rather forget or not hear it in the first place. For me, I'll stick to the English Lightning Seeds. Who knows? In this long winter for Conservatism they might even be singing a double entendre mes-sage to us Tories. They day-dream "Everything's blue now, oh lucky you... there's nothing to lose". Are they trying to warn us about a Blair government when they sing "A change in style for a little while is only make believe ... Don't ever change"? They are right that there is



too much needless change. We can't make everyone drink warm beer if they prefer cool lager, and we can't make a policy out of nostalgia. But we can defend Britain against senseless change — against political vandalism which would demolish our constitution, giving away powers to Frankfurt and Brussels. We could halt the rage of managerialism, busily reorganising every hospital and jargonising every old people's home. "Things could be marvellous"

if only we did that. There is a group called Blair who sum up New Labour's quandary. My youthful advi-sers tell me they do not pass What do you need from life? Toe been red and I've been

about carrying out all those rightwing policies?
Britain's position in the modern world rests on the English language and our grasp of the world of media, multimedia and scientific ad-

You've got to believe it. Tony Blair, once red and yellow, perhaps he likes the Lightning Seeds as well, taking literally their injunction "to open the window and jump into the blue". He may find more and more in his party do not want to jump with him. Fine for them if he wins the election, but can he be serious

muster. They sing quizzically: vance. In the 60s, as our gun-What do you want from tife? boats showed our impotence that will last and last.

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# Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went from Bradford?

Martin Wainwright reminisces about the | flaps of the Ms-to-Ws com- | Gummer Lanolins (Smooth munal bath-tent (aye, it | as a Babby's Cheek) on our great Yorkshire drought evacuation of '95 the one Yorkshire Water warned about

'GREAT evacuation of | Selby Fork for our first full doesn't forget seeing "If you see any water, grab it." signed by Sir Gordon

bottom. I believe (though don't breathe a word to your mam about me telling you this) that's why some people used them for a different sort of evacuation. I'll never forget the baths we had when we got to the encampment at Flushdyke. Ours were in Tizer, while the Halifax lot had Dande-

lion and Burdock, on ac-count of that dock pudding

there soaking up the rusty brown liquid — very like the stuff we used to get out of the taps in Bradford - and listening to the bairns' happy squeals in their mini-tubs.

The Yorkshire Light Infantry boys fetched us to the buses in alphabetical order, by street, and by heck, Gran-dad got a lot of stick for choosing our back-to-back in Zeppelin Place all those years ago. You should have heard the jeers as Aardvark

were just like the Falklands war, real community spirit; from Necropolis Road actu-dodsal versus Wibsey was ally sat next to the Lord that for years). It were that grand, too, just lying there snaking up the take six precious objects, and her Albert insisted on his best half-dozen pigeons. He wouldn't even let Jessie bring her parkin spoon.

We've been lucky, mind, compared with the Shipley folk. There wasn't room for them in't East Riding and all the ones from Baildon Green ended up down south in somewhere called Woking. I've got a letter here from my sister Hannah who was billeted there and had a lot of trouble getting herself

Rarl Grey — we think it's a kind of hot Dandelion and Burdock. They have their dinner at suppertime and, most uncomfortable, this. water keeps falling from the sky. They call it Rhine." You know, I often wonder what's happened to Brad-ford, laddie, I don't suppose there's much of it left. They

arrested loads of looters in the early days, and set them on to working with the leakmending gangs — a life sen-tence, if ever there was one. Not that it mattered to us, seeing as how we sold our bouse early on (site value only, but Mr Newton said we'd got a bargain) to the Great Yorkshire Water Dam-Building Appeal. What? You say you were up at Scammonden last week. It hasn't filled yet? No, I don't suppose it has. I don't sup-

### Bradford? Aye, lad, 'appen I remember it well. body-scrub since July. He was Yorkshire Water's MD. you know, and all the bowls had his face printed on the 20,000 Wallace Arnold coaches lined up on Leeds Road in a hurry. Nor the little kiddies, each with their mineral-water bottle on a smart new shoulder strap. I believe every one had a personal message on the label - something like:

Or was it Trevor Newton? No, no — he was the one who count of that dock pudding bowls they gave us, one per land a cracking view of family, when we stopped at Goole docks through the land the chief overlooker of cups of something they call

# **Ancient and** modern love

who has died at the age of 85 benefitted from the struggle for higher education for women. It produced in her a woman of distinction in archaeology, letters and public life. Her book A Land, published in 1951, revealed a writer who could marry geology and archaelogy to create an image of a land - otherwise Britain — in which past and present, nature, man and art, were all reconciled. Beautifully written and skilfully constructed, the book from the first page created a pan-theistic atmosphere freed from the worst abuses of that persuasion.
It traced the shaping of

Britain and its people from the first lifeless pre-Cambrian rocks to the days of the loe cream carton and the hydrogen bomb. It was widely ac-claimed and the Times Literary Supplement said: "She has written with vision, with passion and with style, a book which helps us understand the land in which we live and the life we live on it."

The book represented the final flower of a long career in archaeology, the origins of which she never satisfactorily explained. Admitting deeply unconscious influ-ences, she refused to believe that Freud's theory of a desire to return to the womb had any personal validity. Roman antiquities scattered in her family's garden also influenced her, but they were not the prime cause of her pas-sion — "Interest," she said "would be too cool a word."

two pictures on her

Puck from A Midsummer Lord what fools these mor-

By the time she went up to Newnham the tide of libera-tion had so far risen that chaperones were no longer necessary and many of the more austere college rules had relaxed. Her attitude to women's liberation acknowledged the value of the ad-

She could have qualified as high priestess of a cult which combined creative life with intellectuality

vances then made, but she disliked those "militant fe-male persons who seek to mu-

tilate our language". Reading for the Archaeolog-ical Tripos in her second year at Newnham, some actual exa prerequisite of further devel-opment. The initiation site chosen was Camulodunum, the pre-Roman capital of Cun-obelin at Colchester. There she met and was courted by a clever young man, Christo-pher Hawkes, whose double first at Oxford had led to an already brilliant career and reputation as a lady-killer. As tonished by being placed in the first class of the final tri-pos, Jacquetta became offi-cially engaged to Hawkes and married him in 1933. There

ORN into the sci-entific heart of Cat That Walked by Itself. Cambridge, Jac-quetta Hawkes, and a Rackham painting of and in the same year she went, as the British delegate, Night's Dream inscribed to a Unesco conference in Mexico City where she met JB Priestley in the most un-romantic circumstances. Mutual attraction was instantaneous and marked the beginning of a remarkable

> He wrote a series of love let-ters which produced some of his best writing, and revealed a man "ambushed by love." They seemed contradictory personalities, one the intensely subjective creative writer, the other a classically trained product of an austere family background.

In her prolonged search for an explanation of their attraction, Jacquetta Hawkes came to the conclusion that the "magnetism of polarity" was the basis of what later became the most satisfying relation-ship in her life. When asked to spell out that phrase she replied: "It is a mystery and I hope it will remain so." They married in 1952 and

for 30 years her life merged with his at all levels. Many classically written and thought-provoking books were torn from her typewriter, the Apollonian com-plement to Priestley's torrent of subjective work: A Land. Man on Earth, Man and the Sun. The Unesco History of Mankind Vol 1. Part 1. The Dawn of the Gods, Providence Island, Fables and an autobiographical work of remarkable frankness - A Quest of Love. A tall, gravely beautiful woman with a touch of aus-

could easily have qualified as the high priestess of some until he was 85. The multiplicity of her activmodern archaeological cult ities, public and private. in-

with intellectuality. Some | the Campaign for Nuclear Dis | never forgave her for break- | in order to fulfil it." The div- | ary executor to JB Priestley armament, travelling widely. people found her personality formidable, but underlying writing a new book every few years and collaborating with Priestley in a — disastrous — play, *Dragon's Mouth*. She also wrote a collection of not highly son, very much a woman who could relax and talk very frankly about everything, including sex. In A Quest for regarded poems. Symbols and Love she revealed a love affair pal and secretary of the UK National Commission for Unesco (1942-49), vice presiwith another woman and with admirable detachment described how she and Priestdent for the British Archaeo-logical Society. (1949-52) and governor of the British Film Institute (1950-75). ley continued making love

ing up Christopher Hawkes's family life and her values were too advanced for conventional people. It was never against her principles to be unfaithful to her husband but breaking up Hawkes's home life was another matter. She forced herself to face the fact that she could do something which she "more than half condemned." In the end she concluded that since her love for Jack was the deepest part of her personal life "for heav-

orce court judge made scath-ing comments about Priestley's part in the affair.

I only came to know her well when she asked me to

write her husband's life. She resented growing old but faced up to it without the support of any religious belief. We found our values matched her own generation. at so many points and I remember her as a fully mature human being whose range of experience and work made her a fascinating com-

was exemplary and she colbruth about his complex life. which was not always compli-



A remarkable love affair . . . Jacquetta Hawkes and J B Priestley in 1969. on his 75th birthday

Letter

Bob Holman writes: One reason why Lucy Faithfull (obituary, March 14) was loved across the political spectrum was her sense of humour. As a former evacuee. I wrote a book on the uation official, she gave me hours of her time. My favourite Lucy story concerns an elderly woman evacues who wash "from top to toe". The somewhat bedraggled woman ing everything including her wig which she placed on the balcony. A seaguli promptly swooped and took it aloft. Lucy immediately covered the woman's embarrassment with one of her famous hats. It took the Ministry of Health six months to replace the wig. Service plus humour. That was Lucy Faithfull.

## Birthdays

Dr Wendy Baron, curator, Government Art Collection, 59; Anthony Blond, publisher, 68; John Cameron, composer, arranger, conduc-tor, 52; The Rt Rev Mario Joseph Conti, Roman Catholic Bishop of Aberdeen, 62; Charles Elly, president, Law Society, 54; Douglas French, Conservative MP, 52; William Hurt, actor, 46; John Joubert, composer, 69; Frances Lincoln, publisher, 51; Dame Vera Lynn, singer, 79; Paul Merson, footballer, 28; Jennifer Montagu, curator, War-burg Institutue, 65; Margaret Morrison, former president, National Union of Civil and Public Servants, 72; Phillip Oppenheim MP, Minister for Company Affairs, 40; Sviatos-lav Richter, planist, 81; Theresa Russell, film actress, 39; Tim Yeo MP, former ConserOlga Rudge

# Notes on a life with Pound

this image was a warm per

tinguished violin-ist and lifelong companion of has died peacefully at their daughter's home near Merano, Italy, aged 100, was a woman of great spirit, grace and courage. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio, of Irish Catholic descent, but was raised and educated in Eng-land and France. She started her musical career performing at concerts in both Lon-don and Paris, and it was while working as a music critic of the New Age in Lonion in 1916 that Pound found himself reviewing one of her

appearances.

They were to meet again later in Paris, and from the early 1920s — about the time when Pound was composing the music for his opera Villon she became the poet's companion and was undoubtedly the great love of his life. Their lifelong relationship was rooted in their mutual love of music. Their daughter, born in 1925 and now Princess Mary de Rachewiltz, has de-voted her life to translating her father's poetry into

A friend of the family. Emeritus Professor G Singh from Queen's University, Bel-fast, a specialist in Italian poetry, defined the relationship of Olga and Pound well when he wrote that she was never "eclipsed by Pound, but they complemented and enhanced each other."

The collaboration of the poet and violinist did much for 20th-century knowledge and enjoyment of music, espe-



tirelessly during Pound's incarceration to clear him of the charge of treason

cially in the revival of intergiana di Siena, where she was secretary to Count Chigi. It was at her instigation that the academy devoted a

Olga worked

est in Vivaldi. She and Pound carried out important research on Vivaldi for the Accademia Musicale Chiwhole settimana musicale to the great baroque master. Earlier, she and Pound had rediscovered in a Turin li-brary 309 Vivaldi concertos

the town hall at Rapallo, where they jointly selected the programmes.

As Pound was to explain, the choice was "nothing for-tultous" but intended to enable those present to know more about "the relations, the relative weight, etc" of the composers "than they possibly could have found out by reading ALL the criticisms that have ever been written." method in his literary criti-cism, as he explained in his

ABC of Reading.
The war brought all this to an end and, later, during the years of Pound's incarcera-tion in St Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, Olga worke tirelessly to clear his name of the charge of treason.

She published at her own expense If this be Treason, a selection of the Ezra Pound radio broadcasts that had given rise to the charge against him, which was later dropped. She had to remain in Italy, while Pound's wife Dorothy had moved to the United States to be near her husband. When Pound returned to Italy on his release in 1958, after 13 years imprisonment, he went to live at his daughter's castle, Brunnenburg. In the Alto Adige above Merano where he was eventually to become seriously ill.

He gradually recovered and spent the remaining 12 years of his life with Olga at her house in Venice. Apart from references to her in The Along with Pound she orga-nised and performed in the 1966 where he declared: end of his life a last Fragment



Olga with Pound at a Stravinsky memorial service in 1971

That her acts Olga's acts

Her name was Courage & is written Olga

in her final years she left Ven-

daughter at Brunnenburg, which is where she died. She will be buried beside Pound at the San Michele Cemetery

on an island in the lagoon. Professor Singh relates that, in her 99th year, he asked if she missed Pound. "No," she

reflection, "He is always

Olga Rudge came into contact and was friendly with most of the leading figures in the Pound circle: Ford Maddox Ford, WB Yeats, Joyce, TS Ellot, Wyndham Lewis, William Carlos Williams, Hemingway, ee cummings. Her death finally closes that

Humphrey Carpenter, biographer of Erra Pound, adds: She was tiny, wiry, electric. When she was well into her 90s, I went to the microscopic house in Venice which she had shared with Ezra, nervous of asking a vital ques-tion for his biography: had the conception of their daughter Mary been intentional? Tea passed in a buzz of chatter, 99 per cent of it by Olga. I lost my nerve and got up to leave. She looked me in the eye. "By the way," she said, "Ezra never wanted to have a child by me. It took me ages to

persuade him." Unkind observers have suggested that Pound retreated into silence at the end of his life as a refuge from Olga's ceaseless conversation. Like him, she lived in her own mental world, oblivious to the outrage caused by his fascism and anti-semitism - she would talk affectionately of Mussolini. They were both so naive that it is hard to blame

Olga Rudge, violinist, born April 13, 1895; died March 15,

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## Culture clash

TC: Our next call is from Stephanie who listens to Mod ern rock Live on 104.7 the Buzz in Richmond. Stephanie: Hey, read any good books lately? Liam: Yeah. The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe. Stephanie: I've read that one. Liam: Bonehead's the bookhead, he reads books. Bonehead: I read books. Don't write em though. Liam: Read books . . . Proper bookhead, boring head, Go on, tell the young lady. Bonehead: No! Liam: Tell her! Bonehead: No. I can't think. Ronald Biggs's life story, that

was me last one. Great, dead Liam: What books have you Stephanie: Oh . . .

"Oh"? I've heard about "Oh" . Is that by Stephen King? Is that his latest, "Oh"? TC: Thank you Stephanie ... We now talk to Shelly, who's calling us from Woodland,

Shelly: Hey, I just wanted to say we love you all down here in Texas and I'm wondering what your worst nightmare for the immediate future is. Bonehead: The worst nightmare for the immediate future? Liam's beard.

Liam: Yeah, I've grown a big beard. Shelley: Is it big and furry? Liam: You can feel it

sometime Shelley: Oh, that's awesome, really cool! Got the side chops going? The lamb chops? Liam: Oh, aye, Pat Jennings is in the area, get him in here. TC: Thanks Shelley. Ryan's calling us from The Planet 93.5 in Davenport. Ryan: Definitely Maybe was the fastest-selling album in

British history, and I was just wondering how that makes you guys feel? Liam: good. Ryan: Really good? Liam: Really good! Liam: Is that a good book,

Ryan: Really, really good? Liam: really, really, really Bonehead: Makes us feel like

a Ford Fiesta. Those loveable lads from Oasis act up for a US radio phone-in. reproduced in the New Musi-cul Express.

Shell shock DR DEWITT has found that some snalls will take extraordinary risks to assert their masculinity. He has been studying three closely related species of water snails, of the genus *Physa*. Land snails often fire aphrodisiac-loaded love-darts at each other and then engage in a two-way coupling. But when Physa mate one snail takes a male and one a female role. In general, the smaller snail in a pair acts as the male . . . Dr DeWitt started to look at what happened when a large snail tried to play father.

Smaller snails usually reacted badly to this, attempt-ing, if possible, to bite the gen-itals of their putative partners. But many of them also did something else. They waggled their shells consicuously. When the smaller snall of the couple was acting as the male

this never happened. It was as though the smaller snails were waving to attract attention. And the thing most likely to see them would be a snail-eating fish. Which seems to be the case. Dr DeWitt has shown that

shell-swinging is a risky business. He made some model snails - some with magnetically moveable shells, some immobile. The ones with moveable shells were attacke far more frequently than the static models. And real snails stopped swinging their shells when extract-of-snail (the sort of thing that would be released if a snail was bitten by a fish) was put into the water. So why are the smaller shails doing it? What appears to be happening, according to Dr DeWitt, is that smaller

snails are playing chicken

with their larger sultors.

The Economist takes a close look at the gender relations of some slippeix customers

## Cow news THAMES VALLEY Police

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Contrary to Section 68(1) and (3) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

A Thames Valley police charge form reproduced in the maga-zine Squall — "necessity

ice and went to live with her

## breeds ingenuity". TWO MEN dressed as a panto-

mime cow charged through a cordon on the Newbury bypass site, magistrates at Ando ver, Hampshire, were told. They denied aggravated trespass and were bailed to reappear on April 14. A news report from Monday's edition of the Times.



Up a tree ... Squall

## **New sneakers**

I THREW out my white-onwhite Adidas nearly a decade ago and I fear I will never find another pair of sneakers I love, truly love, again. Every year shoe designers rehash the same bullshit statement in leather.

Whether designed for men or women, sneakers continue to express old ideas with the latest useless Buck Rogers add-ons. Like zombies we depend on shoemakers to give us a sense of style. The unique languishes. Sure, I know, you bought

that faddish pair of Airwalks. Would you have laid down money - knowing that every body, from your mother's friends to that middle-age hippie throwback owns a pair — if you could have chosen something truly mad and ridiculous? The sneaker is a pure American expression like jazz and rap. Nike and Jordan gave birth to a world-wide phenomenon . . . When I walk around I see a large contingent of sneaker-wearing fellow citizens. The problem is that all of us are wearing

the same damn shoe. The maority of styles and colors tend towards a jackboot consisten-cy. A solid blue, white, black or red, generally combined with a swoosh of one of the other colors; pastels don't count because they're ugly. Not many yellow, greens and oranges. And no neon. Now, m not fond of neon. But why in the supposed model-of-free-market-capitalism can't I find them with ease if I need to impress some German or something? What are we con-forming to? Why are we being held back? Are we gonna come apart as a nation if people wear the sneakers they want?

Kira Talbot contemplates a great American product, the sneaker, for the on-line zine Cupcake (http://www.cupca-

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# Finance Guardian

# NatWest on verge of deal

# Bank set to buy Clerical Medical

TWEST is poised o announce that it is taking over Clerical Medical in a £800 million deal which will give it control of Britain's sixth-largest mutual life assurance group, It emerged last night that final negotiations are close to completion, with a formal an-nouncement expected by next bank has recently announ

Michael

Tuesday. The deal will result in bonus payments to more than one million Clerical

And it offers NatWest, which already has a 7.5 per cent stake in Clerical Medical through its NatWest Life subsidiary, the chance to became a major player in the life as This will be NatWest's

second major acquisition in the past two months. The

a £472 million takeover of the comes after weeks of tortuous | held abortive preliminary | NatWest Group. They point to fund management group, negotiations with Schroders, talks with US-based GE | the way that Garimore is Gartmore. The huge expanding expanding the merchant bank which was | Capital. fund management group.
Gartmore. The huge expansion programme is being funded by the £2.2 billion which NatWest raised recently through the sale of Bancorp, the US-based retail banking chain.

banking chain.

Both NatWest and Clerical
Medical, which has £13 billion
worth of funds under management, yesterday declined to comment. NatWest confirmed that it was interested in "enhancing our presence in the long-term savings market."
But a spokesman said the
bank never responded to takeover speculation. Well-placed sources, however, confirmed

drafted in to mastermind the Cherical sale. NatWest has beaten off competition from at least eight other financial companies. Other bidders are understood to have included Prudential and Abbey

National. Clerical had privately acknowledged that it lacked the critical mass to prosper in the rapidly consolidating financial services industry and needed to look for a partner. Its reputation has also been damaged by badly managed expansion attempts, particularly in overseas markets. Clerical had previously attempted to merge with

Independent financial advisors, who feed in much of its business, have been pushing Clerical to complete the deal quickly as they fear that continued uncertainty could unsettle the market. The deal is likely to be the first in a round of takeovers throughout the insurance and pension industries, which are regarded by analysts as long

overdue for restructuring.
The Clerical takeover terms are likely to ensure safe-guards for the bid target's em-ployees within the enlarged operation. Insiders suggest that Clerical could be allowed

running of NatWest's fund management operation after

But analysts warn that ome job losses will be inevitable as there is bound to be a degree of administrative overlap between the two com-panies. "You never do this kind of deal without having to shed some jobs and get rid of costs," one analyst said.

He added that the merger could be achieved 'relatively painlessly" as both compa-nies know each other well and there "is unlikely to be the kind of culture clash you see so often in merger situa

# Burying the tax and spend myth



Edited by Alex Brummer

MONG the most note-worthy achievements of the Clinton Administration has been the inroads it has made in slashing the US budget deficit When Bill Clinton took

ffice in early 1993 the deficit was close to a historical peak of \$300 billion: the budget sent to Congress yesterday pro-jects a deficit of \$145.6 billion in the current fiscal year (ending in October), which would become a surplus of

\$44 billion by the year 2002. The forecast deficit for the current year would amount to around 2 per cent of gross do-mestic product, which would mean that on this measure the US—so often the butt of criticism from Germany — would meet the Maastricht criteria.

Indeed, despite the image of Democrats as big spenders while in government, this state governments will spend around 33 per cent of GDP, which makes it the lowest spending economy in the G7 with the exception of Japan — this despite the US's extraordinary defence obligations.

Of course the improvement in the US public finances is partly cyclical, with the recovery boosting tax revenues which in turn brings down the deficit. The objective of the White House in calender year 1996, with an elec-tion looming, is to keep growth moving. The budget forecasts suggest output will increase by 2.3 per cent this ar, neiped by restrained long-term interest rates and a possible further quarter point

cut in the federal funds rate. Despite relatively high employment levels, inflation remains subdued, so there is no real reason to believe that the recent shift upwards in bond yields (following the February jobless numbers) should be anything but

temporary.
The November 1996 election will now almost certainly be a contest between two moder ates, Clinton and Dole. Senator Dole, by nature a fiscal compromiser, is already talking about budget accommodation with the White House this year, rather than more of the onen warfare that has dethe open warfare that has deyear's budget by six weeks. If that can be achieved, then it should be a force for stability

## NatWest link

in the financial markets.

ATWEST has been the front-runner to take over the mutual life company Clerical Medical that it was looking for a buyer. Like other second-tier mutual insurers Clerical is in retreat: changes in the life/

made it more difficult for the mutuals to generate the income necessary to generate the capital to move aggressively into new products.
Clerical is in this income trap which is considering a stock market flotation.

market flotation.
In these circumstances
NatWest looks a natural
buyer. It has a great deal of
cash, following its remarkably successful exit from
NatWest Bancorp and it has a
direct tle-up with Clerical
Medical which is a partner in
NatWest Life in Bristol, in
which the Clerical holds a 7.8 which the Clerical holds a 7.5 per cent stake. NatWest al-ready has signalled its interest in the asset management business through its Gart-

more purchase. Unlike some recent fash-ions in banking — like lending to Latin America - expansion into bancassurance does not seem high risk. It is clear that to be a survivor in the life/fund management sector will require new forms of distribution. This is some-thing which banks, with their branch networks have in abundance, and may soon be able to underpin with direct

selling. The issue for NatWest, if it branding. Garimore already is perceived as a premium brand that will improve NatWest's position in, for instance, the PEPs units trust areas. Clerical Medical too is regarded as an excellent has built a strong reputation for the performance of its funds. Buying Clerical is a good idea: swamping it with the NatWest brand would be

## Spanish practices

tors in the First Spanish proposed reorganisation.

As regular readers will recall. First Spanish, a dismally-performing fund set up to invest in Spanish equitie in 1987, wants to turn itself into something called the Australian Opportunities Investment Trust

Conveniently, management will be taken over by the fund's largest shareholder, Duncan Saville, who just hap-pens to have a spare portfolio of Australian shares and is happy to swap it for the trust's valuable Spanish

assets.
Small investors would be well advised to take the cash alternative now on offer. However, no cash alternative is being offered for the fund's warrants, which means that even the most reluctant shareholder faces being lum-bered with at least retaining some exposure to this

wretched fund. More seriously, the whole reorganisation looks far too cosy, with Warburgs - currently advising another fund to get out of Aussie funds getting a 0.2 per cent cut on whatever investors decide.

The proposal should be nodded through at next Monday's AGM, where the fund's board

this saw his overall remuneration soar from \$507,000 to

Sir Denys, who quit the

company in April, picked up an overall £286,000 for his

four months work which in-

the Zeneca performance

The annual report predicts

that global sales will continue

to increase over the current

year, with biggest growth in Asia particularly strong.

"Elsewhere, growth is fore-cast to be stronger in the

second half of 1996 than in the

first. Chemical prices, some

of which have already fallen

considerably from their

peaks, are likely, on average,

to show only small rises in

unpleasant time.

# £563,000 bonus for top ICI duo

## City Editor

THE two top ICI directors who oversaw the hiving off of the group's phar-

The payment to Sir Denys Henderson and Sir Ronald Hampel, which was disclosed with yesterday's publication of the company's annual report, is the maximum payable under the terms of the

Sir Ronald, who has taken

Australia 1.91

italy 2,345 Maita 0.54

# Jackson ties knot with prince Alex Duvel Smith in Paris N THE name of God, an Arabian prince and the World's Most Famous

Man yesterday entered into communion "to defend family values and cultural diversity" and to denounce decadence and immoral-

Agnostics called it a comspawn theme parks, hotels, character licensing and

But when Michael Jackson and Prince Alwaleed of Saudi Arabia tied the knot Paris yesterday, there was no talk of such earthly matters as assets, job creation or where the head office would be located. Even the disciples did not know.

"Kingdom Entertainwith the tiny voice of a divorce survivor but none of the authority of a sometime Christ-figure, "represents a long-awaited dream come

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true."
Wearing a bright-red Sergeant Pepper-style jacket — he owns the Beatles' back read from a pre-printed statement: "During continmade privy to the beart-beats of millions of fans me their hopes, loves, fears and most importantly,



Family values . . . Michael Jackson and King Fahd's nephew, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, arrive at a press conference in Paris yesterday to announce a joint venture, Kingdom Entertainment, promoting theme parks, hotels, character licensing and films

This had led Mr Jackson not on to the Mount but

into contact with 39-year-old Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal who has financial holdings worth around Mr Jackson met the

prince 18 months ago and ous Man — as Mr Jackson because of Kingdom is described in the press

their desire for a better Entertainment and my partner, Prince Alwaleed. you are not alone'." the 37year-old pop star told "all those millions who have encouraged me to get in-volved with global enter-

tainment based on family values". The World's Most Fam-ous Man — as Mr Jackson

voted to family values, I chose family entertainment as the focus of my interests

one of its wealthiest.
"In the name of God, I begin," said the prince. raising immediate ones tions over whether the family values would be monog-amous or bigamous.

ed the Acts of Creation for their Kingdom, and left the crowded room at the Porte Maillot conference

Moments later, Mr Jack son and Prince Alwaleed

dustry," sai King Fahd.

A disciple, Dr Khalid A. Al-Mansour, remained but

Prince Alwaleed, who owns 34 per cent of Euro Disney and has balled out Canary Wharf.

"said the nephew of tails of the marriage con-tract between Mr Jackson

Quite where the battered of the world would come in was equally unclear.

acquisition."

-a "creative strategist and

humanitarian'' — and

Mr Simpson dismissed a purchase of the 28 per cent in

French car components group

Valeo which is being sold by Italian industrialist Carlo de

Benedetti because it would not

give Lucas a controlling stake. However, he said the company's two joint ventures with

Sumitomo were working well.

## Refuelling ban |Lucas rejig 'on course' as profits rise may hit nuclear have appointed a successor | criticism from City analysts | the automotive market, the who argue his task is incomplete. But he and Sir Brian group will have to make an

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

HE suspension of on-load refuelling at two of the country's most modern nuclear reactors could billion the Government hopes to raise from this summer's eccording to a leading independent expert.

sale receipts

The warning followed the Guardian's disclosure yester-day that the practice of re-fuelling while stations were generating power had been stopped at two stations following an incident at Hey-sham 2 in Lancashire. A full investigation is

under way into the incident - caused when a fuel rod jammed in a distorted refuelling channel — amid fears of design faults in advanced gas coaled reactors (AGRs). Gordon McKerron, an inde-

pendent adviser on nuclear power to the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, said any threat to on-load refuelling could "fundamentally affect the value" of the sale It was a main way of boosting output and only two of the seven AGRs were now cleared to carry out the

Mr McKerron said the Government's merchant banking advisers. BZW, were assum-

the AGRs of 82.5 per cent — far higher than achieved by

The bank was claiming that every percentage gained in output was equal to £140 mil-lion on the value of the indus-try. But, he said, reduced production would depress receipts by the same amount. Mr McKerron added: "H output were assumed to be a more realistic 70 per cent, that would reduce the value of the sale to below £1 billion If it were to fall to 65 per cent the industry would approach a zero valuation."

Captain Richard Killick. recently retired director of safety for Scottish Nuclear. practice at Heysham 2 and at forness, Scotland: "This certainly has commercial implications as this is one of the more important measures to improve the economics of mu-

Labour's energy spokes-man. John Battle, called for the sale to be suspended until the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate had accepted Nuclear Electric's report into the Heysham incident.

John Major was forced to defend the sell-off in the Commons saying it posed no threat to safety. The Department of Trade and Industry said: "There is no reason to believe the incident has implications for output which ing an average output from would affect privatisation

by the autumn. The trawl for a new chief executive had al-UCAS, the motor compoready begun. "We are going to get on with the job. People like George, I regret to say, do not grow on trees." There are nents group, yesterday unveiled a 38 per cent rise in pre-tax profits at

261.6 million for the half year rumours that the company's finance director John Grant to the end of January and inmay step into Mr Simpson's sisted its restructuring programme would not be derailed by the impending exit Sir Brian indicated that Lucas might seek compensation from GEC over Mr Simpson's of chief executive George On Monday, it was confirmed Mr Simpson is to suc-ceed Lord Weinstock at the helm of GEC, Britain's big-

accountant."

Lucas's chairman Sir Brian Mr Simpson's early deparbillion a year to \$10 billion.

Pearse conceded he hoped to ture has already attracted "To achieve critical mass in

departure. "I certainly think we deserve a transfer fee, especially when you think Rangers paid \$4 million for

m and the social mar-

stressed that Lucas was now in better financial shape than a few years ago. Far from being a takeover target itself, they insisted that the company was looking for bolt-on acquisitions. Mr Simpson said that he expected to nall at least one of these before he

ecome one of the world's largest 10 car components manufacturers. To do so would have to increase its annual sales from around \$4

The outgoing chief execu-tive said that Lucas aimed to

Despite a weaker than ex-pected demand in its main car parts market, the company's sales in the half-year grew by 9 per cent to £1.469 billion. The underlying increase, taking account of acquisitions, closures and exchange-rate variations was 5 per cent.

## Marriage made in Moscow heaven ends in frustrated tears

S THE rest of British in-A STHE rest of British in-dustry grapples with stakeholder capitalism, one Yorkshire spinning and weaving group is way ahead of the game, courtesy of the peculiar business

practices of Russia.

Dan Atlanton

Two years ago, Illing-worth Morris bought 49 per cent of Moscow suit-mannfacturer AO Bolshevichka, but has been frustrated ever since by the holder of 4 Vladimir Gurov has, ac-cording to the Bradford group, stood firm against

illingworth's intention to

invest up to \$5.5 million in Bolshevichka. In the finest

traditions of Marxism-Le- cent of the formerly state-

ket, the company's general director has forced the wool-merchants to keep their money to themselve Yesterday, Illingworth's patience snapped; it announced legal action against Bolshevichka and Mr Gurov who, it claims, "bas frustrated and delayed ... \$5.5 million investment in Bolshevichka modern plant and equipment".

Furthermore, Mr Gurov allegedly refused to con-vene a shareholders' meeting to elect Illingworth representatives to the board. The trouble seems to have begun in 1994, when owned producer of 250,000 suits a year. It should have beaven, especially as Illing-



worth's chairman, Alan Lewis, is co-chairman with Moscow's mayor of a UK-Russia trade commission, and also "has been creating, revitalising and growing companies since he was 20 years old". In Bolshevichka, it

seems, he encountered a want to be revitalised. Mr Lewis hit out yesterday at "entrenched managing directors who believe they are above Russian law and unaccountable to shareholders". However. the action will be heard in the Swedish, rather than Moscow, courts. Mr Lewis made sure the contract was legally valid, not in the "wild east", but in boring old Stockholm.

# Patrick Dovestor

maceutical operations through the Zeneca demerger nearly three years ago have picked up a combined £563,000 bonus.

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## US budget in surplus by 2002 claims President . Japan enjoys surprise growth

# Clinton dangles \$100bn tax carrot

Mark Tran in Washington

RESIDENT Clinton yesterday dangled \$100 billion (£65.2 billion) in proposed tax cuts as part of his \$1.64 trillion 1997 budget de-signed to help win his second

term in November's election. The tax cuts over five years would benefit tens of millions of middle-income Americans and small businesses but they are half those proposed by congressional Republicans in the impasse that has blocked agreement on a budget for fiscal year 1996, which has only six more months to run. With an ABC News poll showing Robert Dole, likely

Republican nominee, cutting the President's lead to 9 per cent from 17 per cent last week, Mr Clinton used the budget documents to attack

Republican tax cut proposals.

The President believes those cuts are too deep and would threaten the government's vital role in guarantee ing health care to vulnerable Americans and investing in

the future." he declared. The inability of the White House and congressional Republicans to agree on a 1996 budget because of the gap on taxes and cuts in Medicare (medical insurance for the elderly) and Medicaid (medical insurance for the poor) makes Mr Clinton's 1997 proposal

largely an academic exercise.
While a President's budget proposal is usually declared dead on arrival on Capitol Hill, yesterday's 2,196 page document was already pro-

'To promote a strong economy with sustained growth and low interest rates, the budget reaches balance in seven years by cutting

- from 2,196-page **Budget statement** 

unnecessary and

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spending<sup>1</sup>

ever, projects shrinking bud-get deficits from \$145.6 billion (£95 billion) in the current fis-cal year to a small surplus of

\$44 billion by 2002.

In general, the budget reflects the concessions Mr Clinton made to Republicans two months ago — chiefly his agreement to balance the budagreement to balance the bud-get by 2002, but makes no new

Projected domestic and defence programmes would be cut by \$297 billion over seven years, growth in Medicare by \$124 billion, Medicaid by \$54 billion and welfare by \$40 billion.

nounced in rigor mortis.

Since his election in 1992, by 2.2 per cent in 1996, in line
Mr Clinton's budget, how Mr Clinton has steadily with Wall Street estimates.

Heading for a surplus

tamed the deficit, virtually halving it from \$290 billion. In 1995, the deficit of \$164 billion constituted 2.3 per cent of gross domestic product, less than half the level in 1992. But the present deficit is continuing to increase the al-ready massive amount of fed-

eral debt - \$4,921 billion at the end of 1955. This year, the government is estimated to have to pay about \$247 billion of interest on its debt while total net government borrow-ing in the credit markets came to \$717 billion in 1995. If its budget proposals are adopted, the administration said the US would see a con-

"Deficit restraint moderates inflationary pressures by restraining demand. It en-ables the Federal Reserve to continue its policy of easing short-term interest rates," It noted that, except for a few months in 1993, the last time long-term interest rates were this low was in the 1960s. "The drop in rates last year is expected to set the stage for a pick-up in economic activity in 1996."

Judging by the futures mar-ket, it continued, the financial community anticipates a further reduction of one quarter of a percentage point by this summer

On economic growth, the administration projects mod-est annual growth during 1997-2002 of 2.3 per cent on average, about half a point a year less than the administration achieved over the last three years. The White House expects real GDP to increase

documents, the administra-tion congratulated itself for austainable growth and a 'soft landing" after six years of economic expansion.

"The soft landing of 1995 is the culmination of three years of very successful nacroeconomic policy," the administration asserted. "Over this period, jobs have increased and unemployment time, inflation has been low and relatively stable. On the jobs front, the administration expects unemployment to average 5.7 per cent this year and hold at that level to the end of 2002.



The way ahead . . . President Clinton admonishes a heckler during his address dedicating the \$115 million hi-tech terminal extension to the Nashville Street wharf in New Orleans

## Congress asked to increase funds for World Bank | Recovery ahoy as Tokyo spurt baffles critics

funding to the World Bank and the regional develop-ment banks to \$1.4 billion a 24 per cent increase over the deadlocked 1996 budget, writes Mark Tran in

Congress cut the President's request for multilateral development banks by 50 per cent in 1996

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and peace-keeping. US arrears have now grown to roughly \$1 billion, forcing the UN to the brink of bankruptcy.

The total request for in-ternational affairs comes to \$19.2 billion. It includes money for the Middle East peace process and \$200 million towards economic reconstruction in Bosnia. In another flashpoint For defence, the administration has requested \$243.4

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PRESIDENT Bill Clinton | tration is requesting full | billion for 1997, down from yesterday courted the funding for the United | \$257.4 billion this year. For wrath of Republicans by Nations, related agencies | 1996, Congress provided \$7 billion more than the administration requested. mainly for weapons the Pentagon said it did not need or planned to request

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APAN'S economy sur-prised the pundits yester-day when the government announced that growth jumped to an annual rate of 3.6 per of last year.

Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo

priming had taken effect and consumer spending began to grow. The spurt took growth for the year to 0.9 per cent, much higher than expected.

It confirmed that official

"The stage is set for a recovery led by private investment and spending," said Makoto Kobayashi, chief official of the Securit Physical cial at the Economic Planning

it looks as though there was more strength in the economy than we thought."

Despite optimistic govern-ment forecasts, until now the economy had refused to respond. With unemployment at a record 8.4 per cent — and probably double that if measured by western standards — there were fears that consumers' reluctance to spend

would keep the economy bumping along the bottom for a fourth year. Growth in 1994 was only 0.5

per cent in spite of govern-ment packages to pump billions of pounds into the

tations," added Brian Pearce, chief economist at SBC Warburg. "At the end of last year, 157 points yesterday, taking the Nikkei index to a rise of 707 points in four days or more than 3.5 per cent. The yen also retrested slightly against the dollar, good news or exporters.

Critics cautioned that a though the chances of a sus-tained recovery appear better than at any time since 1991, the way ahead could be bumpy. The recent Bank of

"tankan" survey showed that industrialists are still worried about the shadow of recession. The central bank's low 0.5 per cent and any rise in interest rates or in the value of the yen could quickly

# Bayer big wheel keeps on turning

**OUTLOOK/ Mark Milner reports from** Leverkusen on the chemicals group wondering what to do about drugs

here is dominated by a glant wheel of light. Within it, forming horizontal and vertical spokes, and crossing on the Y is the word Bayer — the name of the chemical giant which is synonymous with the city. Even the football team carries

But while Bayer, one of being a powerful force in that industry, it now has to decide if it has the strategy to be a big wheel in the pharmaceuti-cal business, too — a business which currently accounts for some DM6.6 billion (£2.9

billion) of group sales.

After years of fragmentation when even the world's biggest player could barely manage a market share of 5 per cent, the drugs industry is now on the move. Glazo's acquisition of Wellcome, the merger of Pharmacia and Upjohn and, more latterly, of Ciba-Geigy and Sandox, are changing the shape of the drugs industry. Industry watchers are agog to see the next move in the partnership

Yesterday, however, Dr Manfred Schneider, chairman of Bayer's board of management, was in no mood to gratify either their wishes or those of the posse of invest-ment bankers who, he said, were beating a path to Bay-er's door, all too eager to point the company down the mergers and acquisitions

Dr Schneider acknowledged that such alliances could be driven by factors like the need to address a perceived weakness vis-a-vis the market leader in certain fields, to increase market share or to fill gaps in the new drugs development pipeline, or where synergies would allow cost

Big might be beautiful.
Buying innovation was even
nicer. Dr Schneider points to
Astra and Zeneca as examples of innovative pharmaceutical companies but noted that both carried stock market ratings that would never offer a payback — "at the necessary

T NIGHT, the skyline | that either company needed a here is dominated by | suitor. "I think they are so strong they will be able to do it alone", he added.

The Bayer chairman also argued that too much attenpharmaceuticals business The company was making money from its chemical businesses, though it apuld like to unprove its return on Germany's big three chemical sales, and had no intention of combines, is accustomed to separating the two parts of separating the two parts of the group. "We are not con-sidering divesting phurma-

ceuticals"
Though Bayer insists that it has its own strategy and the financial muscle to carry if out, it is unlikely to be able to shake off questions about a strategic move in the draws industry - at least until it either makes one or the current flurry of activity in the But Dr Scheidner and his

colleagues are unlikely to be too worried. Despite the prob-lems of the strong mark and the costs of employing people was scarcely at pains to underplay either factor yes-terday—the 1995 results were still a record, beating 1989. Though sales were up just 3 per cent at DM446 billion, pre-tax profits rose 27 per cent to DM4.185 billion. But, according to Dr

Schneider, while the group "valued" Germany as a location for manufacturing chemicals, "we must stop costs ris ing any further and actually start to reduce them", otherwise jobs would continue to have to go. And Bayer, which cut its German workforce by 3,300 last year, is expecting to shed more in 1996.

Dr Schneider says Bayer is prepared to look at the ways of at least safeguarding existing jobs, but the 6 per cent pay claim tabled by the union, IG Chemie, means there is some hard bargaining to be done.

Still, Dr Schneider can console himself that Bayer's per-formance so far in 1996 has it on course for another record set of results, up 10 per cent while the board is confident ayback — "at the necessary enough to recommend a DM2 increase in the dividend to DM16 per share.

Bayer group Productivity per employe Pre-tax profit 4,185 2,241 5,424 1504

# Agency. "These are strong figures economy. The previous year, value of the yen count and outside the range of expectage growth was only 0.1 per cent. unsettle the economy.

# What you need is what you get — and it pays

WORKFACE/ Using alternative salary systems could mean the 'abolition of wagery'. Velida Starcevich reports

AN employee at Emerson College in Sussex wants to buy a new car, simply say- DIGITAL call clarity and security ing "I need it" could secure the salary increase to pay the BEST COVERAGE of the UK. bill. Wages and salaries at this private adult education most of Europe and peyond on centre reflect employees' the Vodafone GSM network needs rather than their iob As a result, a director may be paid less than a cleaner, if the leaner has more children or

Martin Ruchal £17.83 (£15+VAT) bigger mortgage. Emerson, catering for 400 Post Rate Cath | 35.25p per min (30p + VAT) students, has been operating a pay system based on need en Paul Cale. | 11.75p per min (10p + VAT) Notice peak times are 7.00 (5.00 L/m) vicement being to the charged at EL.77 in Land retails introduct from the introduction in advance transfer with the detailed for your norman peak or Delta cased. Colla changed in 1 second for more than 30 years. And dozens of schools, colleges and community centres adopt a similar policy. FREE 50 MINUTES CALLS PER MONTH CALLS IN MARCH, APPLL & MAY

"At the moment, the highest-paid person is someone with four children," says Charles Burkam, Emerson's financial director. The salaries of the 27 permanent staff range from £9,000 to £30,000. Each case is assessed on its merits.

strategies consultant at Rubicon Associates, calls it the 'abolition of wagery". Payment according to need was identified by Karl Marx more than a century ago as the his-toric goal of a classless communist society. But this analogy is disliked by need-based pay enthusiasts, who siress individualism.

Instead. Mc Briault attri-

butes the growing interest in alternative pay systems to a recognition that performance related pay is a failure. "Com-

panies often forget that em-ployees' motivation is not necessarily mainly economic or self-interested." he says. "To motivate people to give the best --- in other words, to act differently from the mar ket philosophy of 'minimum input for maximum returns' we must rely on other factors

such as job consent, sense of achievement, recognition, responsibility and development --- all non-sellable." Employers such as Emer-son College, which is near East Grinstead, are concen-trated in areas where locals went to schools inspired by

Rudolph Steiner, an Austrian who advocated a holistic phibosophy in the early years of the century. "Steiner's children". as his followers are called, regard work not as a marketable commodity, but a means of fulfilment which should also provide people with enough resources to live

In Michael Holl school, Sus sex, 110 employees have a basic salary. On top of that, there is a need-based element, based on criteria agreed collectively once a year. At the more radical Camphill Villaces Trust, which oversees group bonuses,

tally handicapped throughout the world, pay has been aban-

"Everyone, from doctors to craftsmen, contributes a par-ticular kind of work," direc-tor Ann Harris explains, "and individual needs are met from the total income of the community.

Need-based pay, stronger in Germany and Austria than in Britain, has spread beyond the education world. But supporters have inevitably come up against practical limita-tions. In the Bristol-based Triodos Bank, salaries reflec a combination of market rates, individual needs and comparabilities in the bank. Pay rates for the 50 employ

ees are fixed by two managing directors. One of them, Glen Saunders, says a purer needbased pay system was aban-doned six years ago, after it became clear employees were trapped in their jobs.
"They could not leave because they could not find jobs that would bring equivalent

money. Now nobody gets more than they can earn in other organisations," he says. Angus Jenkinson, another business consultant advocat-ing need-based pay systems, accepts it is too early to talk about expanding full need-pay You have to develop in

steps. To start with, I would bring some healthy qualities into the pay system of big companies, for example moving from commission pay to

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## Takeover gives Durex group lead in Spain

LONDON International has become Spain's leading condom manufacturer, after paying \$5.7 million yesterday for one of that country's biggest-selling condom ranges, Androtex, LIG, which already controls a third of the total Spanish condom market with the Durex range, said the deal would give it a leading position in the Spanish

Androisz, whose other brands include Feeling, Newphylcream nd Andropharm, is Spain's biggest seller in the mass market. which covers grocery and convenience stores and supermarkets.

The acquisition is subject to clearance from Spain's anti-trust
authorities, which is expected to be received by the end of this month — *lan Kine* 

## **Drugs firm plans float**

SEVEN of the world's leading medical researchers, including Nobel prizewinner Professor Sir John Vane, yesterday announced plans to float off their Vanguard Medica drugs Erm with an estimated £80 million share placing. The five-old firm specialises in the development and marketing of pharmaceutical products discovered by other companies.

Chairman Dr Roger Brimblecombe says this strategy offers believe referrial because many his companies are patiently into the production.

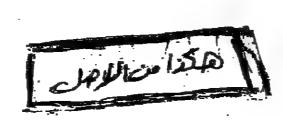
huge potential because many big companies are rationalising their research and development operations. This means that the industry is increasingly looking to licence out products to firms like Vanguard Medica. — Patrick Donovan

## Names' court victory

IAN Lang. Trade and Industry Secretary, is one of more than 1,000 loss-making Names of Lloyd's of London who yesterday celebrated a High Court ruling which said their losses had been caused by negligent underwriting. The 1,092 Names could

receive up to 70 per cent of the \$450 million they lost by invest ing in a syndicate run by the Rose Thomson Young agency in 1988 and 1989. The Rose Thomson Young Names are the latest of several action groups to win damages in the courts over negligent underwriting. Their victory will add to the pressure on Lloyd's to produce an acceptable settlement for its Names - Pauline Springett

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# Retirement rules Athlete of Aintre

Ken Oliver

OYAL ATHLETE, last year's Martell Grand National winthe double at Aintree on Saturday week, has been

Jenny Pitman, the 13-yearold's trainer, said yesterday: "Due to the prolonged spells of frost and snow, and the fact that we are unable to train him on artificial surfaces, we feel that we would not be able to produce "Alfie" in the con-dition that we would like. "Royal Athlete has been a

great ambassador, not only for his owners but for our-selves and he has been enjoyed over the years by a great number of National

Hunt supporters.
"Whilst it leaves us with a feeling of sadness to bring his racing career to an end, we know that this is the right decision as the welfare of our horses is always uppermost

in our minds."

Mark Pitman, who was in his first full season as assistant to his mother when Royal Athlete sprang a 40-1 shock with his seven lengths defeat of Party Politics last year, added: "We all have mixed emotions about his retirement Sad because we'll miss him on the racecourse, but happy that he is retiring in one piece."

Jason Titley, who rode Royal Athlete to victory last year, is now searching for a ride, Graham James, the jock-ey's agent, said: "It is all a bit up in the air at the moment. Sadly, Monsieur Le Cure is no longer with us, and now Royal Athlete is not

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Titley added: "The chances of a mount are drying up. Son Of War would be a great ride to jump round, but Francis
Woods will probably ride
him, and Lo Stregone has a
good chance but either Charlie (Swan) or Jamie Osborne
will probably be on board.
"Mrs Pitman's Superior
Finish would have to have a
chance, but he will be ridden

chance, but he will be ridden by Warren Marston. It's getting late in the day, but we will keep looking."

Swan was offered the ride on Lo Stregone, the 7-1 favourite, after winning the Greenalls Grand National Trial on him at Haydock last month, but the Irish champion decided to keep faith in Aidan's O'Brien's Life Of A

Lord. However, O'Brien has warned that Life Of A Lord would not run at Aintree if

the going was soft.
Paul Nicholls, the Somerset trainer, will have three runners in the National. Tony McCoy rides Deep Bramble, second favourite at 10-1, while Philip Hide partners Vicompt de Valmont and Guy Lewis is on Brackenfield. Needle Gun, trained at

Newmarket by Clive Brittain, arrived at Dubai International Airport on Monday afternoon with his sights set on the inaugural running of the \$4 million Dubai World Jock Brown, the six-year-old's travelling lad, said "He travelled like a dream and we weighed him on arrival and

he had lost no weight."
Cigar, America's champion
racehorse and even money favourite for the Dubai race, pleased connections with a good canter on the Nad Al Shebs dirt track yesterday.



Over she goes . . . Stephanie Main takes a tumble on the Edmonton ice during her difficult qualifying competition

ice Skating Main makes

final stage

BRITAIN's Stephanie gress the hard way at the world figure skating championships in Edmon-ton, Alberta, finishing 12th in her qualifying group to squeeze into the competi-tion proper.

The top 10 finishers at last year's championships automatically earned places in the main competition but only six returned. Every-one else had to compete for the 24 qualifying places. The 4ft 11in Japanese

jumping sensation Midori Ito returned to international competition after an absence of four years and won her qualifying round. Tara Lipinski, a 13-year-old

American, finished second in Ito's group.

Ito, twice Lipinski's age, quit after winning the sil-ver medal at the 1992 Winter Olympics, saying she had "burned out".

## Boxing

# Maloney dismisses Lewis rematch for Bruno

Don Beet

ENNOX LEWIS's manager Frank Maloney yesterday ruled out a rematch with Frank Bruno, the dethroned World Boxing Council heavyweight cham-pion, and scoffed: "Bruno has nowhere to go in the heavy-weight division." Panos Eliades, Lewis's fi-

nancial backer, had been I reported to be considering Bruno, demolished in less than three rounds by Mike Tyson last weekend, as a future opponent for Lewis but him wanting a Bruno fight, knowing how it ended last time and seeing Frank's per-formance at the weekend."

Bruno, stopped by Lewis in the seventh round in Cardiff based Welch, who clubbed Joe in 1993, still dreams of retiring in front of a home crowd as a winner rather than a loser. He claimed yesterday British title. The Brighton-based Welch, who clubbed Joe Bugner into painful retirement in Berlin on Saturday, said: "I am handing Frank a marvellous opportunity to dieweight title has been kins, the International Boxas a winner rather than a loser. He claimed yesterday that the American promoter Maloney said: "Unless the money is so good that Lennox Could not refuse it I can't see up yet another world title

up yet another world title fight for him. Bruno, meanwhile, has been offered a chance by Scott Welch to fight him for his

Bugner into painful retirement in Berlin on Saturday, said: "I am handing Frank a marvellous opportunity to say goodbye to his fans with a shot at my title. It will be his chance to bow out at home -

but not as a winner." Tyson has been ordered by an American judge to give Lewis the next WBC chalthrown into confusion by Keith Holmes's defeat of the defending champion Quincy Taylor on the Bruno bill in

Las Vegas.
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ing Federation champion. Woodhall, who defends his European title against Salvador Yanez in Hamburg on Saturday, is confident he will still get his chance against

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1	3.10 Top Javalia 4.40 Slingeby	Josipot & Placepots All pix range.
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11		401 12P-22P GALLES CAVALLES (67) D Gandolfo B-12-0 B Described
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- 1	103 P5 DEBOS (14) M Prop 6-11-2 J Lower	406 2-53004 BOLD CHOICE (12) (0) R Frost 10-10-0
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-1	100 P SEASONS (50) Mrs D Thomas 7-10-11	PORMS CLIEBE - GALES CAVALEDE Held up, sectioned from Str., pulled up before 7th behind Sig Mai
1	110 06-0006 UNBAN LILY (9) R Hodges 6-10-11	(Ascol 2n. Ge-6ft).
П	111 SP-70 VALLEY'S CHOICE (21) S Storete 7-70-11 # T Green	MILLY BATHOATH: Led to End. obesied winner Str. effort 3 out, no extra lest, 2nd of 3, bto 3' to What's it
П	446 180,700 VEYEDER MODEL (46) V Greenway 8-VL-11	Orbit Milmanton Zw. Gdh.
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·ſ	114 U-518P KPREF (20) 9 Curtis 4-10-5	Solishers to Kithmed (Chaffenhare 2018, Gd).
1	115 4-0P LAWRUSTER (3-0) May R Henderson 4-10-5D Selber (8)	SUPER TACTICS: in buch, every chance 4 out, outpaced before last, fird of 5, bits 111 to Correcte Riscounter 2mSL Gell.
П	116 LOGIE D Gestallo 4-10-6	BOLD CHOICE: Never reached leasiers. Till 4th of 5 linishers to Pastro (Wincombo Zw.St. Go-Fm).
1	117 OP PORTUNES ROSE (19) J long 4-10-3 G Updon 118 PDS PACERS OVERTURE (8) C Bornell 4-10-3 T J Reside (5)	
1	116 PPUS PACEPUS GREATURE (8) CHEVRAII 4-10-5	4.40
1		4.10 HOMERT WIESS TRAVEL MUSTERS' CALLER (mortious) are 21 C1,152
П	TOP PORM TIPS: Toxis Regulie 8, Dahos 7, Albertakin 8	801 Fi?1305 - JUPITER ISOON (456) Arabalis (256) 7-12-10
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П	Urbao Lily.	See 200-89 COOL AND EASY (20) J Drivers 10-12-9
1	FORM OUTCE - ALLAHRANDIA: Printmont to 4th, balled cit, cleanes 10th of 11 behind Diversionates	806 235-59 COOL AND EASY (21) J Debate 10-13-1
1	(Chepsion 2mil), Od-Stij.	m
1	DESPOSE in touch, mistaken Sin and Sin, rener dangerose, 3th of 11 behind Cases Along (Bezager Sect), Gid-	207   PSES-5 FATHER DOWN, BMG (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) Raiding 9-15-5
1	3N) KREECR Telect off when pulled up before 2 out behind Fresh Choice (Founted 2mil), 515.	505 65000- GALAXY HWO (257) Miss L Horsey 5-12-1
1	PACTIFIC OVERTURE: Promores, niction 3 out, soon faded, 211 5th of 13 behalf Game Diference, with	606 0000 FOR BURNING R Surper 8-19-5
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1		611 37343-11 NEW MEL HOUSE (16) Min S Cook 13-13-3
1	2.40 DIAMOND EDGE HOVICE HANDICAP CHASE 2m TV 110pts C3,208	615 37540-U NEW MELL HOUSE (16) Miss 5 Cook 13-13-5 R Therates (7)   612 322-29 SHEATSREAT (7) 5 Pile 11-12-6 Shintesire (7)
1		573 DIV- WORLDWO-CHEMINTE (1986) C Smith 5-11-12
ı	201 211-UPP DESIGNATION (12) U Pipe 10-12-0   Lever + 202 POF(02 MARSTNO PAUL (12) J Giford 25-11-15   Mr P O'Elentie	18 namers
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	204 S-TEPS SHARP PERFORMER (22) K Bulley 7-11-4	
	206 Bl-3F) MULLOS PROS (18) F House 5-71-7	Settings 3-1 Magnotic Man, 4-1 Nearly Splendid, 5-1 Cool And Easy, 6-1 Protessor Longiteir, 6-1 Fetter Dowllog, 10-1 Expressment.
	208 4P-882 CHIELSEA MATTYE (9) K Burks 3-10-11 A Learneth (3) 207 UUSSO TITAM REPRESS (8) S MeHor 7-10-7 C Bande &	
	207 ULISO TITAR IMPRESS (B) S MART 7-10-7	FORM GUIDE - NEARLY EPLINDIDE Witning busher channer, successful in point-to-point in March.
	208 1FFUPP MASTER RYON (23) R Ainer 5-10-4	PROFESSOR LONGEASE Channel winner from Six to 4 out, weaklaned approaching 2 out, 3rd of 9, bits 281 to
	216 PROPE STABLESCARS FOR PROBLEM 9-10-2	Clare Man (Haydack Ste, Stt). COOL AND EASY: Led 10th sett) 14th, weekened Zind, Wiled of and pulled up before lest beland Myllege
ł	944 B-SFEC DANKY BOWER (20) March 7-16-1	Court and may 1; the time from 14th, wherefrom 25th, water of the pulse up before an altern hydroge.  (Therefore 4m28), Cd-Sel.
	212 SUPF FUNCHION GALE (22) R Curts 9-10-0	PATHER DOWNERS: Needown 17th, treatment 15th, 5th of 11, big 30t to Source Course (Tourism Inc. Oct.).
1		MEW NELL HOUSE: Talked off from 6th, cliented 4th when blands and unested rider 5 out behind Politics
1	(7)	Bell (Warwick Str2), Gd).
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O ROBERT WHILE TRAVEL MAININGAP HORBOLE See SE COLORS	
25UF04 <b>CARCUMP NUT (13)</b> R Buckler 6-12-0	
5-35U4F ORBERI SELAND (197) 4CDS A Done 10-11-5	d Frest
51-2502 SLEGGRBY (57) Max H Knight 8-11-1	I FTition
22226- 25AM IN UP SCOTTY (216) ((3. N Houte 7-11-0	R Greene
61-0000 SABAKI PEVER (15) (C) Mrs. J Reter 12-10-13	D Bridgerster
3053-61 WORLD EXTERES (6) (65 ac) & Milman 6-10-13	D Safter (6) +
DOP2 OFFICE PROPERTY BELL (IS) P Hisyanuri 5-10-11	
4/8184 DRESS DANCE (193 N Witchel 6-10-9	Sandala Militaliani
	(5)
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US-P4P5 PLAYING TRUANT (16) D Gandolio 5-10-3	R Dummoody
121/300- MOYNET (518) J King 10-10-2	محاطة و
P-40200 MUSTAHEL (3-4) (CO) R Hodges 7-10-0	T Damiereles (5)
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● Blinkered today for the first time: EXETER: 2.10 Urban Lily, 240 Titan Empress; 3.10 Staunch Rival. LUDLOW: 3.20 Court Joker, 4.20 Some Obligation. TOWCESTER: 5.20

# Total: CS.00; E1.30, E2.00, E2.20, Doul F: (C Neah) T: E7.50; E1.30, C13.00, E2.10, DF: 23, Almost Selt III (8-1), 6-1 tav Current CII.10, CSF: E158.0, NF: Rad Warrior. CII.ADPOT: £15.70. PLACEPOT: £15.20, PLA

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2.10 (Rm 4f Hide): 1, UNICLE KERNY, A Roche (7-2); 2, Manufacet (11-4 fav); 2, Upward Surpa (32-1); 3, Product (11-5 fav); 2, Upward Surpa (32-1); 3, Product (11-5 fav); 3, Upward Surpa (32-1); 3, Product (11-5 fav); 3, Upward Surpa (32-1); 3, Product (11-5 fav); 3, Upward Surpa (32-1); 3, Product (12-1); 11 ran, 4, 8, (6 McCourt) Toise.

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## **Premiership**

Aston Villa 0, Middlesbrough 0

# **Weak Villa** held by Boro

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On Sunday Villa compete for the Coca-Cola Cup against Leeds. At least three of those missing should return for Wembley. The fizz will be much needed, if this insipid display is anything to go by. As one would expect against a side who had not won in their last 12 attempts, fourth-placed Villa quickly

grasped the initiative.
Boro's Gary Walsh smartly
cut out one dangerous Steve
Staunton cross before the former England youth international Lee Hendrie, one of three Villa youngsters making a full debut, crossed for Andy Townsend to head into the goalkeeper's welcoming

Two minutes later Dwight Yorke's delightful one two with Julian Joachim sliced open the visitors' defence for forwards which ensured the the former Leicester player to bring a fine right-handed stop Aston Wiles Boomich, Murray, Staunton

Boro had to reorganise midway through the period when Juninho, one half of their Brazilian midfield blend, was

the substitute Craig Hignett entered the fray. Perversely this inspired the visitors far ret is nothing like | more than their £4.5 million import had in the first 22 min-utes. Indeed, had it not been man's flag, Bryan Robson could have been giving a halftime team talk in the unusual position of being in front.
They nearly inflicted the

> corners, with Branco the pro-vider. Hignett saw Bosnich tip over the first effort, and the former Villa full-back Neil Cox diverted a near-post header past the Australian.
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> After good work on the right from Nick Barmby, the right from Nick Barmoy, the ball was then fed to the indus-trious midfielder Jamie Pol-lock, whose low drive heat Bosnich but not the attentions of the linesman, who ruled him offside for interfer-

ing with play. Suddenly the confidence returned to the visitors in the second half. Staunton denied Hendrie a clear run with a timely saving tackle 10 min-utes after the restart, but it was the ineptitude of Boro's forwards which ensured they

# **Brussels moves** to halt thugs

John Duncan

ALCOLM GEORGE, the police officer in charge of the massive anti-hooligan operation for Euro '96, yesterday hailed new European agreements on police cooperation as "a great stride forward".

The measures agreed in Brussels by European minis-ters at the request of the Home Secretary Michael Howard include: the use of foreign police officers as spot-ters at British ports and airports to prevent known hoolirans enterine: a Europe-wide hooligan database; and a 'Hoolifax' allowing spotters at all operational centres to access Continental-database troublemakers.

the hooligan element. It ling supporters at matches means a rapid flow of intelligence and it will take us a day's meeting.

great stride forward in man-aging Euro '96 and the World Cup in France in two years' time," said George, the com-petition's national police coordinator. "It targets the hooligan element in a way that doesn't interfere with the genuine football fan." The police's Football Intelli-

gence Unit will operate from Scotland Yard during the tournament, with foreign "ex-perts" on hand to advise on hooligan ringleaders. The FIU computer already has the names of some 6,010 known or suspected football hooligans. Previous attempts at closes

cooperation have often faltered. There was for example a heavy presence of British police "advisers" at the World Cup in 1990, many of whom were given little to do the local forces in Sar-"It means we now have a dinia. The question of common format to exchange whether foreign officers will be given any role in control-

# Lambie driven out by Falkirk fans

Patrick Glenn

OHN LAMBIE resigned as manager of Falkirk yesterday, said to be "stressed out" by constant abuse from the Premier Division club's supporters. His assistant Gerry Collins and Stuart Munro will hold the fort.

The manager has given up the struggle only eight months after leaving Par-tick Thistle for Brockville, and quits when Falkirk. who face Rangers on Satur-day, are at the bottom of

the division.

Lambie, who succeeded Jim Jefferies, now at Hearts, has been fiercely barracked in recent months. After Falkirk were knocked out of the Scottish Cup by Second Division Stenhousemuir last month an irate fan tried to force Lambie's car off the road. As Falkirk lost a manager they gained £40,000 when Swansea bought their Scotland Under-21 striker Colin McDonald. The Scottish FA is to take

no action against Paul Gascoigne after television viewers saw the Rangers midfielder aim an elbow at Celtic's striker Pletre van Hooydonk as John Hughes scored the Celtic equaliser in the Old Firm match at Ibrox on Sunday. The refer-ee Jim McCluskey saw nothing and video evidence will not be used by the SFA until next season.

Edwin Stein, Birmingham City's assistant man-ager, was dismissed yester-day but it was not immediately clear whether the reason was disappointing results or because he had played cards with the coach David Howell and midfielder Vinny Samways in a hotel bar into the early hours before a recent match at Tranmere.

# Teamtalk

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# QUESTION-MARKS REMAIN OVER MAKE-UP OF ENGLAND SQUAD FOR EURO '96



Cheeky chappie . . . this might be just the right time for Liverpool's prolific striker Robbie Fowler to present his goalscoring credentials for Euro '96

## **Probables**

GOALKEEPERS David Seaman (Arsenal)

lan Walker (Tottenham) Seaman's position as the best English goalkeeper in the Pre-miership is unchallenged and Walker may well have moved above Flowers in the pecking order after a distinguished sea-son at Tottenham.

Tony Adams (Arsenal) Stave Howey (Newcast Rob Jones (Liverpool) Gary Neville (Manchester Utd) Gary Pallister (Man Utd) Stuart Pearce (Notim Forest)

Gareth Southgate (Aston Villa) injuries are the main problem here, with Le Saux gone and Adams, Pallister and Pearce all experiencing fitness problems in recent months. Jones's ability to play full-back on either skde, Gary Neville's versatility at right-back or centre-half, and Southgate's aven greater flexibility across the back four could be

Paul Gascoigne (Rangers) Paul Ince (Internazionale) Robert Lee (Newcestle United Steve McManaman (Liv'pool) an (Liv'pool) Steve Stone (Nottm Forest) Dennis Wise (Chalses)

With Platt's fitness and form a only recently recovered from inury and Gascoigne as unpredictable as ever, the midfield situation remains fluid, ince will surely return to the equation now and the role McManaman is given could become fundamen

STRIKERS Les Ferdinand (Newcastle Robbie Fowler (Liverpool) Alan Stearer (Blackburn) Teddy Sheringham (Tott'm)

No shortage of strikers but goals have been a problem at this level for Shearer. Fowler must be given a game sooner rather than later and Sheringham's in-telligent team play will make it hard to leave out the Tottenham

# Venables seeks pointers from Bulgaria campaign argument. Filling in the de-tails presents the trickier ex-

David Lacey considers the options of the national coach, who today names a squad for next week's Wembley friendly, one of five before his final competition begins in less than 12 weeks

England squad for the has enhanced, Darren Ander-friendly against Bulgaria at ton and Graeme Le Saux, may Wembley a week today and run the risk of its being comrun the risk of its being compared unfavourably with a Waldorf salad. In which case he can always say he has run he can always say he has run land's team against the Swiss land's team against the Swiss

out of waldorfs.
Certainly the England coach is short of a number of things: goals, victories and left-backs, for example. Credibility has been put on hold, but Venables is running short

England's opening match of the European Championship, against Switzerland at Wemweeks away. It is possible to make an intelligent guess as to what Venables's team for this game will be, but that is all it is, a guess.
Even the shape of England's

likely Euro '96 squad is, for the moment, ill-defined. So while the immediate interest in today's announcement will concern the anticipated inclusion of Robbie Fowler, Liverpool's prolific 20-year-old striker, as well as the possi-bility of Paul Ince returning after a 13-month absence, further clues will be sought as to the coach's summer intentions.

This is always an awkward time for finalists in a major tournament. The coach may know what he wants but the climax of the club programme can still deprive him, through injuries, of key players. So op-

HIS morning, at one of London's fancier hotels. Terry Venables will announce his miss not only the European Championship but the start of

blance to the spinal column regularly though vainly sought by Graham Taylor. Even Venables picked Seaman, Adams, Ince, Gascoigne and Shearer for his first

1-0 win against Denmark at Wembley two years ago. Seaman's position as firstchoice goalkeeper is stronger than ever, and only further injuries — or a remarkable comeback by Platt — will pre-vent Adams leading England into Euro '96. Ince's recall for training in January signified that player and coach had made up their differences. Gascoigne's wayward elbows

match as England coach, the

alone will never persuade Venables to drop him, and famine must surely end soon.
At least this is a basis for



Ince perfect . . . back again after 13 months? TONY EDENDEN

# **Possibles**

GOALKEEPERS

Tim Flowers (Blackburn-David James (Liverpool)

Flowers, who has been more accident-prone this season, may have to settle for the spare gozikeeping position and even here he may be pressed by lames, who is making lewe errors for Liverpool.

Sol Campbell (Tottenham: Ugo Ehiogu (Aston Villa) Phil Neville (Manchester Utd) Alan Wright (Aston Villa) Mark Wright (Liverpool)

As rising left-backs, Phil Neville and Alan Wright have strong claims to be among the Probables, Campbell can not only play there but is a solid centre-back and even better as detenaive midfielder. Mark Wright is playing well but. like Ruddock, needs both Adams and Palister to be out before his case can even be considered.

MIDFIELDERS Chris Bart-Williams (Notton F)

David Platt (Arsenal) Beardsley's habit of foding in summer outs him on the barder line, along with the mury-hit Platt. Barnes could still do a job. Butt may make a late dash for come in handy should anything befall Wise or McManaman perience, Beckham exciting

STRIKERS

Nick Barmby (Middlesbrough) Stan Collymore (Liverpool Trever Sinclair (QPR)

If Fowler comes in, logic would put Collymore in alongside him; Shearer and Sheringham eat your hearts out. At this count the scenario is unlikely, but so, early World Cup role,

## Results

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ercise. There is a school of thought which believes that Venables should take advan-

tage of the excellent football being played by Liverpool's predominantly English team and go for McManaman. Redknapp, Collymore and Fowler. After all, did Alf Ramery and do as much in ring.

sey not do as much in win-ning the 1968 World Cup with

The West Ham side of that era, however, had more inter-

national experience. having won the Cup Winners' Cup in 1955, than Liverpool's

younger players do at pres-ent. McManaman, Fowler and

Collymore still have to learn to unravel tight-marking

weeper systems. Yet if Fowler has the poten-

tial for Euro '96, now is the

time to find out. And if Louis

van Gaal was so impressed by McManaman that he felt the

the Ajax team, then maybe Venables should try giving

the youngster the freedom he enjoys at Anfield. England have three Wem-

bley friendlies, against Bul-garia. Croatia and Hungary, to investigate such possibili-ties. They will then defy logic by completing their European

by completing their European

Championship preparations in, of all places, China. There is a full international

in Beijing on May 23 followed by what sounds like a match

against a bag of Chinese

wafers - a Hong Kong Golden Selection - three

days later. The squad get back 11 days before their opening

Venables will announce his squad of 20, plus a spare goal-keeper, almost immediately.

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have been so sorely provoked.

game of Euro '96.

Moore, Hurst and Peters?

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Hockey INTER SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP (2.30, Aldershot): Army v Royal Navy.

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# Sport in brief

Skiing The temperamental Italian Alberto Tomba, irritated by flashing cameras as he left a party at a hotel in Florence late on Monday, is alleged to have floored a photographer. karate kick. Witnesses said Tomba apologised, but Schirmacher said: "I've reported him to the police."

**Sports Politics** Ethiopia's national Olympic

committee has petitioned the government on behalf of Mamo Welde, who won the marathon at the 1956 Mexico City Games. Now 64, he has been in detention for four years having been arrested after a campaign by thousands against the rule of the former Marxist president Mengistu Haile Mariam.

**Basketball** 

The Basketball Players Association was yesterday considering a boycott of today's All-Star game in Leicester in protest at the removal of restrictions on the number of foreigners in the Budweiser League. "There are 18 players who are mad-der than hornets," said Gall Davies, the BPA's general

Badminton

Stewart Hague, a leading oncourt official for 25 years, has resigned from the Badminton Umpires' Association after being passed over for Atlanta Olympics.

# **Players fail** to halt drugs proceedings

ATS WILANDER and Karel Novacek failed yesterday in their High Court attempt to prevent the International Tennis Federation pursuing them for failing drives tests at less treaters. drugs tests at last year's French Open.

The pair, who both tested positive for cocaine after being defeated in a doubles match, denied taking drugs. "But they have little faith left in the ITF system as it stands," said their solicitor

Wilander and Novacek, who were not in court, complained on a number of counts that the ITF's drugs procedures were either unfair, a restraint of trade or a breach of contract, but after a three-day hearing Mr Justice Lightman rejected all their attempts to have the drugs

The pair had argued that there was not adequate docu-mentation at the French laboratory where the tests were carried out to ensure that the samples were not tampered with. But the judge ruled that though widely-used rigorous documentation was not available from the laboratory, its normal and satisfactory pro-cedures had been followed. The Paris test laboratory, owned by the French Ministry of Sport, has been accred- | Court in early June.

1985 and the accreditation was renewed in April 1995. In June and October 1995

both A and B samples of the players tested positive for co-caine — Wilander also tested positive for cannabis, which is not an ITF-prohibited sub-stance — and the players were given the right to appeal against their mandatory three-month suspension. However, the burden of

players to prove their inno-cence, which the pair chal-lenged in court as unfair. The judge rejected this. "I can appreciate that some disquiet and dissatisfaction may be and dissansiaction may be felt and expressed regarding this reversal of the ordinary burden of proof," said Mr Justice Lightman. "But in the context of the other provisions of the rule I can see no argustable claim that the crisarguable claim that the exis-tence of this provision prevents the player obtaining a fair crack of the whip and a

fair and just hearing before the Appeals Committee." The ITF Appeals Committee will now meet to hear the players' case in late April. If they are found guilty again the three-month ban will include both the French Open and Wimbledon. The legal rally is not over, however. A full hearing of the pair's grievances against the ITF will be heard in the High



# Arrows heading for a takeover

Alan Henry

OM WALKINSHAW, the millionaire racing team chief who masterminded Jaguar's victories in the world sportscar championship and at Le Mans in the late Eighties, was yesterday poised to take over the fi-nancially hard-pressed Mil-ton Keynes-based Arrows Formula One team

A former touring car team to set up their own racer, Walkinshaw has organisation. Within made little secret of the fact that he would like to run his own grand prix team, having developed the technical side of the Benetton operation to a level from which Michael Schumacher was assaults on the 1994 and

1995 world championships. The door and determined Scot has also developed his eration to include motor-in dustry developmental work for Volvo as well as enter-ing the Swedish company's cars in the British Touring Car Championship. Graduation into F1 is regarded

It is believed that Walkin shaw is set to relinquish his position as technical direc which is 85 per cent owned by the Benetton F1 team fectively in control before the second round of the cur-rent world championship, the Brazilian Grand Prix at Sao Paulo's Interlagos cir-cuit on Sunday week.

The Arrows team, who now campaign Footwork-Hart cars, were founded in 1978 after the former Lotus F1 driver Jackie Oliver, with his partners Alan Rees and Tony Southgate. walked out of the Shadow months the directors found themselves facing a civil action from Shadow in the High Court when it was established that their Arrows

Al design was effectively a copy of the Shadow DNS. The matter was duly resolved and Arrows con-tinued to establish a reputation as a solid mid-ranking team. They have not won a grand prix, yet by continually finishing in the top 10 in the constructors world championship they have retained many bene fits such as the right to free air freight to races outside

Europe. These advantages, together with their having the highly rated Dutch driver Jos Verstappen under contract, make Arbid. The matter now occu-pying Walkinshaw and Olichief Flavio Briatore. | ver will be to reconcile
If the bid for Arrows is their differing opinions successful, he could be ef- over the team's value.

## Bowls

## Auld enemies set to meet

NGLAND's experimental team of Andy Thomson and Tony Allcock are heading for a semi-final showdown in the pairs with Richard Corsie at the world championships

Both combinations re mained unbeaten yesterday but whereas Thomson and Allcock easily despatched Botswana and Singapore to go top of their group, Corsie and Marshall faced a hard fight to preserve their record.

After disposing of Namibia the defending champions found themselves locked in a tense match against Argenting under floodlights before prevailing 18-17.

At 15-15 with two ends to play, they struck a decisive blow by picking up three shots on the penultimate end and that proved just enough, despite the Argentinians' last-

After that close shave, Corsie said: "It was a cracker, but we were lucky to get out

Although the thought of facing Thomson and Allcock ap-pealed to him, Corsie was not taking anything for granted. "There's still a long way to go and anything can happen That was proved in our match with Argentina, when it could have gone either way."

## **Table Tennis**

## Chen red card earns warning

Richard Jago

CHEN XINHUA, the York-shire-based former World Cup winner, has been sent a strongly worded letter by the British Olympic Table Tennis Committee for removing the umpire's spectacles and hanging them over a barrier, for persistent arguing and for being reluctant to leave the arena during the Olympic qualifying competition in Manchester in January.

Chen, given a red card while acting as British coach, has been told that his actions "brought shame" upon British Olympic table tennis and that there will be a suspension or fine for any future outburst.

The letter acknowledges that Chen, who apparently has admitted he was at fault. might have felt unfairly treated by the umpire. He was penalised for illegal coaching by a conspicuously jumpy Austrian official during a match in which the England No. 1 Matthew Syed narrowly failed to qualify for the Olympics when he lost to Hunga-ry's Zoltan Batoril.

Syed now has to hope he gains a wild card to Atlanta. Chen will be going --- as a through being in the world's top 20.

versially elected recently to the new post man of the Rugby Football Union, will meet representaives of League One and Two clubs tomorrow in an attempt to head off a breakaway by England's leading clubs.
The clubs have threatened

LIFF BRITTLE, contro-

**Brittle tries to** 

repair the rift

to split from the RFU in time for the start of European com petition next autumn, and earlier this season formed their own body, English First Division Rugby Limited. But Brittle said: 'It is our

rugby union should exist under the banner of the RFU. The RFU is the democratically elected governing body of the sport in England, and it's vital to the future that we stay together. As a group we are strong; separated we are disparate. You only have to look at other sports to see the damage individual power groups have done."
Brittle, the RFU secretary
Tony Hallett and other mem-

bers are holding a series of meetings with clubs and have had preparatory meetings with Donald Kerr of Harlequins, Peter Wheeler of Leicester and Mike Smith of Saracens. They will meet representatives of all 40 first-class clubs on Sunday week. day. The match, postponed from February 10, will be played on April 20.

Brittle added: "The RFU, too, is receptive to change. In land side has attracted millions to rugby. We are now in a position to compete globally nd we need strong clubs in full support of that.
"We welcome the finance

and business expertise that has come into the club game. It must, however, be used to improve our standard of play, our investment in youth and just for the payment of players. To achieve this we must ensure we stay together. But Kerr, who took over from Wheeler last week as chairman of English First

chairman of English First Division Rugby Limited, said last night: "We have said all along that we wish to stay under the umbrella of the RFU. There is simply no need for infighting if sense prevails. We certainly don't want conflict. "All we have done is to try to turn ourselves into a pro-fessionally run operation

with which we can manage our affairs properly. We are not seeking revolution, just the chance to organise our own business affairs under the RFU's auspices." Bristol have failed in their appeal to get their Courage League One game at home to Saracens played this Satur-

# Battler Hill back at the Rec

## Chris Hewett on the Gloucester coach plotting Bath's Pilkington Cup downfall

victories. There is something about the atmosphere in the Bath dressing room on big Pilkington Cup occasions which generates a mood of such controlled ferocity, such hardened willpower, that op-ponents are defeated almost sefore they set foot on the

Richard Hill knows all about that "something". For exactly a decade he was enowned as the most bloody minded competitor in a side built on ego and attitude. His old half-back partner Stuart Barnes once described him as "s natural-born fighter with the word 'victory' stamped across his eyeballs".

This weekend the former England scrum-half and cap-tain will be back at his old stamping ground of the Recreation Ground, winding up his players to fever pitch and telling them that nothing, absolutely nothing, must stand in the way of triumph. All very familiar, except that this time Hill will be plotting Bath's downfall.

Six months ago he found himself in no man's land at the Rec. John Hall's appointment as team manager meant that Hill, as chairman of selectors, no longer had any selecting to do, and when neighbouring Gloucester asked him to take

ation he had little hesitation in agreeing a deal. His impact at Kingsholm has been such that no one, not even the super-confident Bath players, sees this weekend's cup semi-final as a foregone conclusion.

"Of course I'm looking forward to going back. I haven't been to the ground since I left, but because I've had no reason and even less opportunity." says Hill. "I'll be there on Saturday, though, large as life. It should be quite a day.
"I'm Gloucester through and through now, but I look for the Bath result before any

Bath have "a very, very hard edge" when it comes to the big matches, he says. "But I know from experience that, historically, Gloucester are every bit as tough in mind and body. The difference is that Gloucester have struggled to find their edge on oc-casion — certainly it was not obviously apparent when I joined the club — but having said that, it's always there somewhere. I think the play ers have rediscovered it in

recent weeks. "Where we have improved is in terms of organisation and strategy. We've selected well; there are a number of youngsters at Kingsholm

senior side and we've intro-duced them with some Most importantly, though

the players are fitter now than they were at the start of the season. The most noticeable thing during my early weeks at the club was the way in which games were repeatedly lost in the final 20 minutes, and that could only mean that we simply weren't lit enough.

"After our defeat at Saracens I decided to get to grips with the problem. The players were given a schedule, were tested in November and were informed in no uncertain terms that they would be tested again in January. Every last one of them made

whose dedication and com- Hill ... bloody-minded

# Rugby Union Sarah first in sevens

HE Under-13 players of Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, and St Gregory's, Bath, form a scrum under the watchful eye of Sarah Mallalieu in the National School Sevens, writes Ion Malin. Women referees, as well

heaven

as women players, are no longer a rarity. But this is a first for a competition in which public schools and preparatory schools from across Britain converge on a corner of south-west London each spring.
On the pitch, as the traf-

fic roars past on the Kings-ton bypass. Mallalieu stands no nonsense. Tack-ling the player without the ball," she says, awarding a penalty to St Gregory's. It is her final game of the

morning in the Junior lour-nament before she leaves for her shift as a woman police constable. The 31year-old Mallalieu is the London Society's first wom-an referee. Today she will run the touchline in a game refereed by Ed Morrison. the man in charge of last summer's World Cup final in South Africa.

She began playing rugby as a student at Nottingham University in the Eighties. After a short gap she took up the sport again and still turns out as a full-back for Wimbledon Ladies on Sun-days. But four seasons ago she began refereeing and has graduated to club second-team games.

"I still get some funny looks when I come in the dressing room to check the studs. But the players are generally receptive. They say things after the games like 'You're no worse than a man', which is a complia man', which is a compli-

mitment marked them out as significant improvements in obvious candidates for the their physical condition and we are now at the point where

we have to stop them doing too much." Hill, working closely with his 1991 England Grand Slam and World Cup colleague Mike Teague, has brought in a full-time fitness specialist, Joseph Picken — "a former Royal Navy PTI with a proven track record and tremendous enthusiasm" — and a psychologist, Jack Lamport-Mitchell

"To be honest, Bath at the Rec is the worst of all worlds I'd have preferred to go to Leicester because that would have allowed us to prepare very specifically for a predictable game plan. Bath can play it every which way." So Hill does not feel able to

prepare specifically for a match against the club he served with such distinction for 10 title-drenched years? "Well, perhaps I've got an idea or two that might be worth considering."

Bath's England full-back Mike Catt will switch to fly-half against Gloucester. He takes over from Richard But-land, who damaged ribs play-

ing for England Students against Ireland on Friday. The switch brings the goalkicker Jon Callard back into the side at full-back after being dropped last month. With the Ireland international Simon Geoghegan injured, the wing positions go to Jon Sleightholme and Adedayo Adebayo.

## **Ice Hockey**

## Super League 'rebels' plan | Griffiths leaves Warrington despite | Fraud Squad called upon to investigate sale of Wasps

Vic Batchelder

OCUMENTS relating to the sale of the Durham Wasps to Newcastle United have been passed to the Fraud Squad. They were handed over by the MP for Durham City, Gerry Steinberg. The team were sold to New-castle by the father-and-son

partnership Tom and Paul Smith. But their right to sell is contested by Durham Wasps Enterprises Ltd, the owner of Durham ice rink. That company passed the documents to the MP.

The documents include photocopies of what purport to be the title deeds drawn up in 1946, when the club were founded by Tom's grand-father John "Icy" Smith, and papers the Smiths used when

selling the club. Durham Wasps Enterprises Limited has always disputed the Smiths' right to sell the club, believing it was part of the business DWEL took over after the Wasps' former oper-ating company, Incredo Lim-sore," he said.

ited, went into liquidation in October 1994. Both Smiths and a director of DWEL were also directors of Incredo. Yesterday Durham police said that they were investigating a complaint about the sale of the Wasps and that it would be a week before they knew the scope of their

inquiries.
"We are very much at the early stage of inquiries that are principally concerned with evaluating documents lodged in support of that complaint," a spokesman said. "It might sound like we are splitting hairs, but at this stage we are not conducting what could be described as a formal

investigation."
Tom Smith said last night: "It's all in the hands of our solicitors."

 Brian Wilkie, the Bracknell player who injured his neck in a collision with a team-mate before Sunday night's game with Milton Keynes, was released from the Royal Berkshire Hospital yesterday. "I'm home but I'm

## Rugby League

# their own tournament

Paul Fitzpatrick

THE 311 players who have signed contracts with Rupert Murdoch's outlawed Australasian Super League are now threatening to run their own tournament, in competition with the Australian Rugby League.

This development, which can only complicate an already chaotic situation, comes 24 hours after genuine hopes of a settlement had arisen in the long-running battle between the ARL and Super League. After putting a number of

proposals to the ARL on Monday, however, the "rebel" players are claiming to have been "kicked in the teeth" by the game's ruling body in Australia. Two of the major sticking

Super League international matches the players wanted to compete in against Great Britain and the rest of the world, and the position of two new clubs created for the Packer.

Super League, Hunter Mari-ners and Adelaide Rams, both of whom have been left in limbo since the court ruling in favour of the ARL.

The players demanded that these clubs be incorporated into the ARL's Optus Cup competition which starts on Friday. The governing body Details of the rebel players'

competition, which the ARL expected to be announced within the next day or two. It would be run by an independent management committee. In spite of this latest move Ken Arthurson, the ARL's executive chairman, said that negotiations would continue; and perhaps the most hopeful sign lies in a meeting which is due soon between the two media moguls at the heart of the dispute, Murdoch and

Asked on television when he expected things to be settled. Murdoch replied: "As soon as possible, but that will steve Hampson, currently probably be decided by Mr playing with First Division Salford Reds.

# future uncertainty at South Wales

John Huxley HE Wales coach Clive

Griffiths left the assistant's position at Warring ton yesterday by mutual consent, making himself a front runner to take charge at the new Second Division may have jumped the gun. Last week his appoint-ment at South Wales, who will play some of their games this year at Aberavon rugby union club, looked a formality. Mike Nicholas, the Wales manager who also heads the group of businessmen backing the new club, was keen to secure his services. Since then, however, Nicholas has widened the

coach from Cheshire would

search for a coach. He has talked with the former Great Britain Internation als John Fieldhouse, released as a player by Halifax last month, and

"The ideal situation would have been to have Clive down here," said Nicholas. "But matters have gone on from there and we have considered the

possibility of a playercoach. "Clive's contract needs are substantial but we are a Second Division club just starting life. He has also not been happy about the idea of relocation, and whether a commuting

> work we are far from certain. Griffiths, assistant coach at Warrington for the past seven years, has long wanted to be first-team coach for a club in his na-

• Mike Gregory must stay at Salford until his contract runs out in May. A sub-committee of the Rugby League yesterday rejected an appeal by the former Great Britain captain, who is keen to take up the post of assistant coach at St Helens.

## GERMANS GO NAP TO SHATTER LAST ENGLISH EURO-DREAM

**Uefa Cup quarter-final, second leg:** Nottingham Forest 1, Bayern Munich 5 (agg: 2-7)

# Sheer class flattens Forest simple limits

OTTINGHAM Forsought redemption suffered retribution more in keeping with the honest shortcomings of Frank

Bruno.

A mistake by Mark Crossley, whose goalkeeping heroics had spared them a heavier defeat in the first leg, enabled Ziege to increase Bayern Munich's overall lead on the half-hour. Strunz's deflected shot effectively put the tie beyond Forest's reach two minutes before the interval, and further goals from Klins-mann and Papin turned the proceedings into a rout. Forit's sole reward came in the 84th minute, when Stone ex-changed passes with Lee and shot under Kahn. Yet Bayern had not ap-

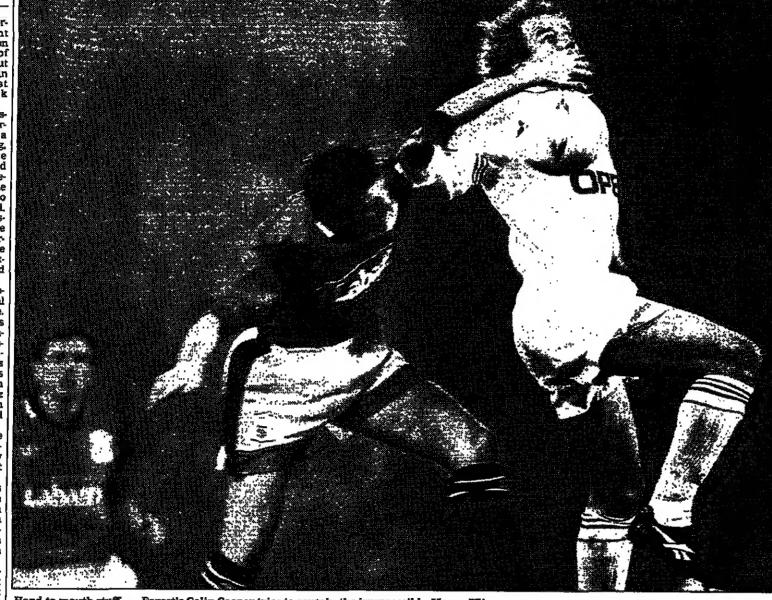
peared to be in the ideal frame of mind for this tie. Three defeats in six games since the Bundlesliga's win-ter break had produced dressing-room rumbles. Klins mann was reportedly at odds with Matthäus, the players were at odds with the coach Otto Rehhagel, and Franz Beckenbauer, the Bayern president, had read the squad the riot act.

Such ructions, however, are not uncommon among Ger-man teams. Forest, if they were wise, would not have set much store by them.

Klinsmann, after all, was still Klinsmann, last night he was joined by Papin, and in the previous rounds Bayern won 5-0 against Lokomo tiv in Moscow, beaten Raith 2-0 in Scotland and Benfica 3-1 in Lisbon. In the fifth minute Klins-

mann came off a defender at the far post and rose to mee Strunz's deep centre from the right, threatening a repetition of his early goal in Munich.

headed clear. Thereafter, with Forest prepared to break swiftly and ur-gently, switching the ball from wing to wing and concentrating on achieving fast, accurate centres. Bayern



Hand-to-mouth stuff... Forest's Colin Cooper tries to contain the irrepressible Jürgen Klinsmann

struck shot through a ruck of bodies was cleared off the

Bayern line by Strunz. In between times Bart-Williams, Woan, Roy and Camp-bell had achieved a crisply coordinated movement that accurate centres. Bayern spent much time in massed defence. Twice in four minutes Forest might have scored.

First Roy, gathering an awkward ball from Campbell, showed deft control but could produce only a weak shot when there was only Kahn to

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So it proved. In a well-practised move, Klinsmann more academic. In the 43rd minute, with Forest crowding their penalty area, Herzog fed a corner back obliquely to strike, who volleyed it past exposed the defence only for Campbell's cross to sail be-

over the bar. Having done well to make the chance the centre-back might have done better. By the 30th minute he was wishing he had.

There seemed little immediate danger for Forest after Cooper had fouled Klinsmann

beat. Then Pearce's well- | Cooper nipped in to head it | low towards the right-hand | Strunz, whose low drive took | Crossley with typical elan. corner of the net and Crossley appeared to have the ball covered, but somehow the Forest

goalkeeper allowed it to slip through his grasp.

Ten minutes before half-time Cooper slid the hall past Kahn after Chettle had nod-

Crossley's reach.
Forest now had to score

four times to reach the semi-finals, and the more they tried to get even one goal the more likely they were to leave themselves exposed at the back. Bayern simply relaxed and awaited their chance to

Papin, starting his first got among the scorers when he headed in a cross from the right, then Klinsmann went round Crossley on a solo breakaway. It was all over bar the counting.

sale of Collymore and Bo-hinen. But the journey was every game could be taken as

proved the turning point. For Forest too fell into the trap of

# Clark's army taken to its



Martin Thorpe

AN WOAN kept a diary of Nottingham Forest's visit to Auxerre, which appeared in the match programme for the home leg of that Uefa Cup tie. Here are two

"Alan Hill, the assistant manager, has watched Auxerre a couple of times and assured us they won't play any corners to the near post. He was absolutely ... wrong."

And: "As we line up in the Auxerre tunnel just before the high off the cliquest issues high."

kick-off the skipper issues his rallying cry. Looking at the opposition, Stuart 'Oscar Wilde' Pearce announces: "You've got more heart than them, that's why you were born English'."

The squad that day included a Dutchman, a Frenchman, a

Norwegian and a Scot. It was just over a year after leaving the First Division tha Forest found themselves in Europe, a field of conflict which would have defeated more experienced English eams. In fact it did. When Manchester United, Liver-pool, Rangers, Leeds, Everton and Blackburn embarrassingly fell by the wayside, Forest suddenly found themselves

flying the British flag, and the English Channel, alone. And here was the double irony: it was precisely Forest's inexperience which lay behind their durability. While England's fancier dans had waltzed into Europe with a bullish air, and been quickly deflated by teams versed in more refined arts, Forest were

modest enough to acknowl-edge their limitations. They had no illusions about the deep end they had fallen into. It was scary, and as a result their survival instinct emerged the sharpest of all.

OREST's voyage has been one of cautious discovery rather than conquering zeal. There has been no map to steer by, and few stars either after the sustained by an innate belief in the undervalued cliche that

The first tie in Malmo

trying to be too bullish in that early game and were lucky to escape with a 2-1 defeat. "We realised we couldn't be that gung-ho." said Steve Stone. "In the end Liverpool and Man United were and paid the price. We learned we had to be prepared to soak up the pres-sure and defend." Clark heeded a voice that

had nagged in his ear from his playing days at Forest, espousing a limited but highly effective recipe for success in Europe. "Sit back, young man soak up the pressure, then but them on the break." It won Brian Clough two European

Cups.
It is not pretty to watch but it made sense, given the und-est quality of Clark's squad. The downside was that it led to some nervy nights. Forest de-fended for 85 minutes in Auxerre, clearing the ball off the line no fewer than four times. Television later revealed that one actually crossed the line, which showed what luck Forest enjoyed as well, until last night. For instance, it was

not until the quarter-finals that they finally drew one of the top teams in the tournament. So nearly all Forest's games have been backs-to-the-Trent stuff, with Crossley saving (although he was at fault for Bayern's first away goal). Chettle and Cooper clearing, the midfield holding and

FTHERE is one area in which Forest have really looked limited it is up front. But the team's collective energy, spirit and stubbornness have papered over even those cracks. Such qualities are a testament to the management powers of Clark who has turned Forest into a model of himself, relaxed. friendly, modest, but spiced with a strong professionalism and dogged self-belief. This is why he is so highly regarded among those choosing the next England manager.

Of course a player's life on the European road is only fleetingly heroic. For the most part it comprises long days spent in hotels waiting in bored tedium for the contrasting excitement of the night's big game. Woan and Stone, who room together, were so bored barracked up in Aux-erre that they watched the whole of Jurassic Park . . . in

French. There is the umpteenth duty-free shop to visit for the umpteenth gift for the missus, the umpteenth in-flight cord school, the umpteenth queue for passport control. Life can be monotonous. But nobody at Forest would have wanted to be anywhere else. It has been one hell of an adventure.



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# Illingworth challenged

David Foot on a move to replace the chairman of selectors

AVID GRAVENEY yesterday emerged as a major threat to Ray Illingworth as England's chairman of selectors. His name was put forward by Warwickshire and seconded by Surrey, and other counties seem sure to back the move.

Warwickshire argue that the 63-year-old Illingworth, who is keen to continue until the end of the season, is too old for the job and that a different approach would motivate the team

and lift morale. Nominations close today: if none had been received Illingworth would have remained in the post. A postal ballot of the counties will follow, with the result being known early next

Illingworth has been promised the support of his native Yorkshire, whose chief executive Chris Has-sell said: "We strongly sup-ported his appointment ini-tially so we feel we are now being consistent. We don't think this is the time for a be put forward.

change." But he added enigmatically: "Whether Ray continues as manager

s another matter." Illingworth's position as team manager is to be dis-cussed by the TCCB's exec-utive committee on Tuesday, and younger men such as David Lloyd of Lanca-shire and John Emburey of Northamptonshire have been linked with the job. Warwickshire's chief ex-ecutive Dennis Amiss, who

feels that a change of chair-man is needed before the season starts, said: "We are crying out for renewed enthusiasm and an innovative approach. We don't believe in the concept of a supremo; the England team needs someone younger, someone just retired from

the game, as chairman.
"David Graveney fills this role. He has experience and we see no conflict at all with his duties as secretary of the Professional Cricket-ers' Association. Indeed there would be more advan-

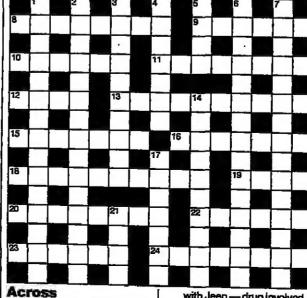
tages than disadvantages." A former Gloucestershire and Durham captain who also played a season at Somerset, Graveney, now 43 and a part-time accoun-



The V-chip is an apt symbol for a time when politicians have given up believing they can help us to be better and are contenting themselves with making us feel better. **Parents** 

## **Guardian Crossword No 20,605**

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8 Derbyshire town provides

the odd loan without anxiety

9 Offered up like oranges (6) 10 Vegetable for the North country (6)

11 Stake with which to confront a Caucasian (8) 12 Island giving backing to Guardian readers (4)

13 Note on creation of "After Eden" at open air social (6,4) 15 Sound of fall beside slot

machine (7) 16 Work to make a drug if I go in for the sovereign (7) 18 The British people, for example, is on a country run

19 Tilt away from the toe (4) 20 What Elizabeth Bennet did

22 Series number is about a

month in arrears (6) 23 Garment for one laying a

24 Setter holding one with minimum weight and disabling pain (8) Down

1 Racing like the tortoise, bird that's wise in cunning upset Brutus at city (6,3,6) 2 New Orleans beat Nazi lad at Ritz: OJ involved (11,4) 3 Watch over the flag without

half the guns (5,5) 4 Uplift in part of church (7) 5 Vote for parrot (4) 6 A romancer, holding forth

among walkers to the South, composes an opera CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,604

7 Don't digress or get the Wrong end? (5,2,3,5) 14 Charge for fast carriage

and say how old you are 17 Mate decadent Rome with capital to the South (7)

21 River on board? (4)

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